



Maryland Department of Natural Resources
 Natural Resources Police
 Hunting Incident Report
 FY 2009



Age (shooter or responsible person)	Two Party		Self-Inflicted	
	Fatal	Non-Fatal	Fatal	Non-Fatal
Under 10 years				
10-19 yrs.				1
20-29 yrs.				2
30-39 yrs.				1
40-49 yrs.			1	
50-59 yrs.		1		3
60 + yrs.				1
unknown				
Totals	0	1	1	8

Causes	Two-Party		Self-Inflicted	
	Fatal	Non-Fatal	Fatal	Non-Fatal
Careless handling				1
Fall from tree stand			1	6
Victim out of site of shooter				
Victim mistaken for game				
Game flew between victim and shooter		1		
Fall				1
Totals	0	1	1	8

Distance From Victim to Shooter	Two-Party	
	Fatal	Non-Fatal
0-10 yds.		1
11-50 yds.		
51 yds. & over		
Totals		1

Victim Wearing Hunter Orange	Two -Party	
	Fatal	Non-Fatal
Yes		
No		1
Unknown		
Totals		1

Weather	Two-Party		Self-Inflicted	
	Fatal	Non-Fatal	Fatal	Non-Fatal
Clear				
Rainy				
Cloudy				
Overcast				
Windy				
Unknown		1	1	8
Totals	0	1	1	8

Species Hunted	Two-Party		Self-Inflicted	
	Fatal	Non-Fatal	Fatal	Non-Fatal
Deer			1	7
Turkey				
Quail				
Waterfowl		1		1
Totals	0	1	1	8

Hunting Device Used	Two-Party		Self-Inflicted	
	Fatal	Non-Fatal	Fatal	Non-Fatal
Rifle				1
Muzzleloader				2
Shotgun		1		2
Bow			1	3
Totals	0	1	1	8

Narrative
A 24 year-old deer hunter in Frederick County fell 20' from a portable deer stand. The victim was not wearing a safety harness and suffered a broken collar bone and bruised right hip. Non-fatal.
A 46 year- old deer hunter in Anne Arundel County fell 15' from a portable deer stand .The victim was not wearing any type of safety harness. Fatal.
A 16 year-old deer hunter in Kent County fell while climbing a deer stand. The victim was not wearing a safety harness and suffered a broken right arm and lower back injuries Non-fatal.
A 59 year-old deer hunter in Frederick County fell 8' from a home made deer stand. The victim was not wearing a safety harness and suffered an injured right shoulder. Non-fatal
A 28 year-old deer hunter in Caroline County fell 22'when the portable deer stand became dislodged from the tree. The victim suffered a fracture to the right ankle. Non-fatal.
A 50 year-old deer hunter in Caroline County slipped and fell from a deer stand. As the victim fell to the ground his shotgun discharged with a single round striking him in his right hip .The victim suffered a gun shot wound to the right hip and femur .Non- fatal
A 57 year-old goose hunter in Kent County was shot by another hunter while attempting to retrieve a wounded goose. The victim received a minor wound to the face from a shotgun pellet which deflected off the water striking the victim. Non-fatal.
A 60 year-old deer hunter in Garrett County lost his balance and fell on a rocky and snow covered hill. The victim suffered a sprained left ankle. Non-fatal
A 56 year-old duck hunter in Charles County, hunting from a boat, attempted to untangle a lanyard from the muzzle of his shotgun The weapon discharged striking the victim's left hand. The victim suffered an amputation to the left pinky finger and ring finger. Non-fatal.
A 39 year-old deer hunter in Caroline County fell while climbing down from a deer stand. The victim was holding onto a tree limb when the limb broke, causing the victim to fall. The victim suffered a fractured right ankle and minor cuts to the face and nose. Non-fatal
Property Damage (Non- injury)
A 69 year-old deer hunter in Dorchester County found himself in the middle of a deer drive on a wildlife refuge. After hearing several shots the hunter realized that his shotgun had been struck on the barrel and magazine by lead shot. The shooter was never found or located.
A window was broken at an occupied daycare facility from a slug fired by a shotgun in Howard County. Several hunters were found in the area and interviewed by several police agencies. Negligent hunting charges were filed, but the States Attorney elected not to prosecute due to insufficient evidence.
A window in a house was struck and broken by a sabot round fired by a deer hunter in Talbot County. The investigation found that in this case , the hunter was not negligent and charges were not filed.
While checking vacant buildings, several Frederick County Sheriff Deputy vehicles were struck by shot gun pellets causing minor damage. Several individuals who were hunting quail in the area were located and charges were filed by the States Attorney's office for Reckless Endangerment.