

**MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF  
NATURAL RESOURCES**

**Maryland Hunting Accident Report  
FY22**

<b>Age (Shooter or responsible person)</b>	<b>Two Party</b>		<b>Self-Inflicted / Tree Stand Fall</b>	
	<b>Fatal</b>	<b>Non-Fatal</b>	<b>Fatal</b>	<b>Non-Fatal</b>
Under 10 Years				
10 – 19 Years		1		
20 – 29 Years				
30 – 39 Years				2
40 – 49 Years				2
50 – 59 Years				1
60+ Years		1		
Unknown				
<b>TOTALS</b>		2		5

<b>Causes</b>	<b>Two Party</b>		<b>Self-Inflicted</b>	
	<b>Fatal</b>	<b>Non-Fatal</b>	<b>Fatal</b>	<b>Non-Fatal</b>
Careless Handling				1
Fall From Tree Stand				3
Victim Mistaken for Game		1		
Victim Covered by Shooter		1		
Finger on Trigger				
<b>TOTALS</b>		2		4

<b>Distance From Shooter To Victim</b>	<b>Two Party</b>	
	<b>Fatal</b>	<b>Non-Fatal</b>
00 – 10 Yards		
11 – 50 Yards		1
51 Yards & Over		1
<b>TOTALS</b>		2

<b>Victim Wearing Hunter Orange</b>	<b>Two Party</b>	
	<b>Fatal</b>	<b>Non-Fatal</b>
Yes		1
No		1
Not Applicable		
Unknown		
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>2</b>

<b>Weather and/or Lighting Conditions</b>	<b>Two Party</b>		<b>Self-Inflicted / Tree Stand Fall</b>	
	<b>Fatal</b>	<b>Non-Fatal</b>	<b>Fatal</b>	<b>Non-Fatal</b>
Clear		2		2
Partly Overcast				1
Pre-Dawn/Dusk				
Unknown				2
<b>TOTALS</b>				

<b>Game Species Hunted</b>	<b>Two Party</b>		<b>Self-Inflicted / Tree Stand Fall</b>	
	<b>Fatal</b>	<b>Non-Fatal</b>	<b>Fatal</b>	<b>Non-Fatal</b>
Deer				4
Squirrel		1		
Dove				
Geese/Ducks				1
Rabbit				
Turkey		1		
Woodchuck				
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>2</b>		<b>5</b>

<b>Hunting Device Used</b>	<b>Two Party</b>		<b>Self-Inflicted / Tree Stand Fall</b>	
	<b>Fatal</b>	<b>Non-Fatal</b>	<b>Fatal</b>	<b>Non-Fatal</b>
Rifle		1		
Muzzleloader				1
Shotgun		1		1
Bow				2
Unknown				1
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>2</b>		<b>5</b>

## Summary

A 34-year-old Carroll County Deer Hunter (Archery season) fell approximately 25 feet while using his climbing type stand. The subject does not recall how it happened and suffered from memory loss due to the fall. The subject was transported by EMS to Sinai Hospital with a head injury.

\*\* Tree Stand Accident

A 38-year-old Frederick County Deer Hunter (Archery season) was in the process of tightening his tree stand climber stick strap when the strap broke. The strap was weathered which caused it to break. The momentum of the strap breaking caused the subject to lose his balance and fall 12 feet to the ground. The hunter sustained injuries to wrist and arms.

\*\* Tree Stand Accident

A 55-year-old Worcester County Deer Hunter (Archery season) fell approximately 12 feet while using his climbing type stand. The climbing stand showed signs of rust to the bolts supporting the climbing brace. The steel piece of tubing broke which allowed the stand to detach from the tree resulting in the fall. The hunter was flown to PRMC for injuries to his shoulder and ribs.

\*\* Tree Stand Accident

A 42-year-old Worcester County Waterfowl Hunter was using a layout blind to hunt ducks. The hunter was in process of shouldering his shotgun when the gun fired. The subject shot himself through the top of his left foot. The subject was transported to Atlantic General Hospital.

A 47-year-old Garrett County Deer Hunter was deer hunting with a muzzleloader when the weapon malfunctioned and caused injury. The muzzleloader catastrophically failed when the subject fired at a deer which resulted in a skull fracture among other injuries. The subject was initially transported to Garrett Regional Medical Center then later transported to J. W. Ruby Medical Center for further care.

A 48-year-old Worcester County Squirrel Hunter was hunting with his 15-year-old son. They were walking approximately 100 yards apart when the subjects' son shot at a squirrel on the ground. The Rimfire .22 long rifle caliber bullet ricocheted off the ground and struck the victim in his left shoulder. The trees and brush between the father and son made each of them unaware of the others location. The victim was transported to Tidal Health by EMS.

A 46-year-old Howard County Turkey Hunter was shot in the face and chest by a 75-year-old Howard County Turkey Hunter. The 75-year-old subject saw the other hunter approximately 40 yards away and thought it was a turkey. The victim was transported by MSP medivac to Maryland's Shock Trauma Unit where he was treated for his injuries.

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