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2018 Type	Injury	Cause	County	Date	Day	Time	Sex	Age	Legally Hunting	Hunter Education	Implement	Species Hunted	Description
B	Major	Fall	Perry	10/23	Tues	6:15 AM	M	50	Yes	No	Archery	Deer	The hunter was climbing tree by using the limbs. Once he was at the location he wanted to hunt from, he attempted to attach a sling seat system to the tree. During this process he fell 15-18 feet and broke his femur bone, injured hip socket, tore rotator cuff and cracked vertebrae. Fall was caused by a combination of factors; method of ascending the tree and improper use of the sling seat system.
B	Major	Fall	Fulton	10/31	Wed	6:30 AM	M	44	Yes	Yes	Bow	Deer	The hunter was standing on treestand platform when he heard a pop and fell to the ground, landing on his feet. Hunter sustained a compound fracture to the leg and ankle. Hunter was not using a Fall Arrest System.
B	Major	Missed step / fall	Carroll	11/5	Mon	6:00 AM	M	56	Yes	Unk	Bow	Deer	The hunter was descending his climbing device to retrieve an item he had dropped when he missed a step, panicked and grabbed the harness safety line. He fell 8 feet landing on his heels, breaking his L2 vertebrae.
B	Major	Fall	Jackson	11/6	Tues	11:00 AM	M	50	Yes	Yes	Bow	Deer	While climbing out of treestand, the strap holding the climbing stick broke. Hunter fell 20-25 feet, sustaining a fractured L1 vertebrae, bruised abdomen and tailbone. No Fall Arrest System was being used.
B	Major	Tripped	Carroll	11/10	Sun	6:00 AM	F	49	Yes	No	Crossbow	Deer	The hunter was setting her string when she lost balance and fell backwards over a log, landing on and breaking her wrist. Radial bone was fractured into 4 pieces.
B	Major	Fall	Piatt	11/12	Tues	7:45 AM	M	64	Yes	Unk	Bow	Deer	The hunter was using a climbing style treestand. He was preparing to climb down the tree so he removed his safety harness - fall arrest system, and began to sit on the climbing bar on the top portion of the climber. The top portion gave way causing him to fall backwards from the tree. His feet were tucked into the climbing position which kept him from falling to the ground. Both ankles were broken, one requiring surgery. Fall arrest system was not used properly and failure to check stand.
B	Major	Fall	Fayette	11/16	Fri	7:30 AM	M	27	Yes	Yes	Shotgun	Deer	The hunter was sitting on his treestand when the top strap holding the stand broke, causing the treestand to collapse. He suffered a broken ankle and fractured vertebrae. Generic ratchet strap was being used that was not designed to hold a treestand. No Fall Arrest System was used.
B	Major	Fall	Union	11/16	Fri	5:20 PM	M	48	Yes	Unk	Shotgun	Deer	The hunter was exiting his treestand when the lower platform cables of the stand broke. He fell 20-25 feet, breaking his leg, tail bone, and a compound fracture to ankle. No Fall Arrest System was used.
B	Major	Fall	Fulton	11/18	Sun	2:00 PM	M	64	Yes	Yes	Shotgun	Deer	The hunter stood up to exit his ladder stand and leaned against the shooting rail which gave way. He fell 12-15 feet sustaining minor head injuries and a fractured rib. No Fall Arrest System was used.

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C	Major	Fall	Pike	6/21	Thur	10:00 AM	M	30	N/A	Yes	Installing Treestand	None	Individual stepped onto treestand platform while installing the treestand, support strap broke causing individual to fall. Individual suffered rib fractures, cervical spine fracture, contusion to sternum and plural effusion. Fall Arrest System (FAS) was not attached at the time of the fall.
C	Major	Fall	Knox	8/15	Wed	Unk	M	54	N/A	Yes	Installing Treestand	None	Individual was installing a treestand when he fell sustaining injuries to his back and a fractured leg. Individual was missing overnight and located on the following the day. No Fall Arrest System was being used.
C	Major	Fall	Coles	10/1	Mon	10:45 AM	M	43	N/A	Yes	Installing Treestand	None	Individual was standing at the top of a ladder treestand that he and another individual were in the process of installing. Horizontal ladder brace was not yet installed. The 2nd person started climbing up the ladder to hand-up additional straps causing the ladder to collapse, which caused 1st person to fall sustaining injuries; fractured tibia, ankle, back and dislocation of toes. No Fall Arrest System was being used.
C	Minor	Fall	Schuyler	10/28	Sun	10:30 AM	M	20	N/A	Yes	Installing Treestand	None	Individual was attempting to relocate a treestand to a new location. The cables on the platform broke and he fell 15-20 feet. He was treated and released with minor injuries. He was not using any safety equipment.
C	Major	Fall	Crawford	11/19	Mon	5:00 PM	M	47	N/A	Unk	Installing Treestand	None	Individual was replacing ratchet straps on a ladder stand. With only the mid-support strap attached to the stand and tree, he climbed on to the top platform. The ladder stand began to fall away from the tree and the individual tried to climb down. He caught his foot in a ladder rung, and then this is when the tree stand broke free and fell to the ground. Individual suffered a broken leg.
C	Fatal	Heart Attack	Fulton	12/7	Fri	3-5 PM	M	49	Yes	N/A	Walking to treestand	Deer	Individual's heart stopped due to past heart problems.

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