

2015 Type	Injury	Victim Status	County	Date	Day	Time	Shooter Sex	Shooter Age	Legally Hunting	Shooter Hunter Education	Implement	Species Hunted	Description
A	Minor	Same party (5)	McDonough	9/5	Sat	3:30 PM	M	65	Yes	No	12 ga. / 7.5 shot	Dove	Victim was retrieving downed doves and got into high grass and sunflower plants. Shooter did not see victim and fired in his direction. Victim was hit by a high number of pellets to the chest, left arm and side. No Hunter Orange worn or required.
A	Minor	Self Inflicted	Whiteside	9/15	Thur	6:45 AM	M	31	Yes	Yes	12 ga / BB	Goose	Hunter was utilizing a layout blind in an open field. After shooting 2 shots he laid his firearm down without engaging the safety. As he pushed down on the gun/ground to sit up, a corn stalk or other debris pressed against the trigger, causing it to discharge. The shot went into and through his pinky toe, removing a section of his toe.
A	Minor	Non-hunter	Will	10/8	Thur	3:45 PM	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk	12 gauge	Dove	Victim was driving a school bus when he heard a gun shot and pellets strike side of bus. Pellet came through open window and struck him on the face/cheek area. Two hunters were discovered dove hunting in the same area. Investigators are unsure of which hunter the shot came from since both were shooting 12 gauge, dove load.
A	Minor	Ammo Misfire	Stephenson	10/18	Sun	10:30 AM	M	16	Yes	Yes	.17 caliber	Squirrel	When the hunter shot at a squirrel the round misfired, exploding out the back of the round and through the magazine well, injuring his hand. He was treated for powder burns and released.
A	Minor	Same Party	Adams	11/7	Sat	9:00 PM	F	18	No	No	.22 caliber	Raccoon	Shooter was raccoon hunting with her cousin, (victim). She was holding the firearm while he had taken the dog to the base of the tree to retrieve downed raccoons. One raccoon fell and was running back to the tree when the victim told his cousin to shoot it. The bullet struck above the victim's wrist and exited inside of the arm in front of the elbow.
A	FATAL	Same party	Brown	11/20	Fri	7:00 AM	M	10	Yes	No - Youth License	20 gauge	Deer	Youth hunter was in an elevated treestand pulling up a loaded firearm by a haul line that was attached to the trigger guard. The victim was climbing the ladder up to the stand when the firearm discharged striking him in the abdominal area. Victim passed away 3 days later as a result of the injury.
A	Major	Self-inflicted	Christian	11/20	Fri	4:45 PM	M	35	No	Yes	.45 caliber	Deer	Individual was illegally hunting with a semi automatic pistol. After shooting a deer and reholstering the handgun it discharged striking him in the leg.
A	Minor	Self-inflicted	Pike	12/5	Sat	4:15 PM	M	44	Yes	Yes	12 gauge	Deer	Hunter fired his firearm and attempted to chamber another round. Brass from the first shell had separated from the casing, leaving the plastic casing in the chamber. The action was unable to completely close, but still fire, allowing the hot gas and powder to exit from the chamber. Hunter suffered minor flesh wounds, lacerations and powder burns to hand and face area.
A	Major	Two-Party	Hancock	12/5	Sat	3:28 PM	M	Unk	Yes	Unk	20 gauge	Deer	Victim was participating in a deer push with a group of other hunters. When a deer was jumped and ran. Three different hunters shot at the deer. The victim was hit during this sequence of shots. Two of the hunters were shooting identical firearms and ammunition. Victim was shot in the side, striking the liver and shattering a rib.

Type A Hunting Safety Incident is one that involved the discharge of a hunting implement: firearm, bow, crossbow.

Total Hunting Licenses Sold during this reporting period: Hunting 292,401 - Youth 12,735 - Apprentice 3,742 = **308,878**

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B	Major	Fall	Lee	1/17	Sat	2:45 PM	M	56	Yes	No	Bow	Deer	Hunter was stepping onto the platform of his treestand and was unaware that it was covered with ice. Hunter slipped and fell to the ground; Broke forearm, 4 ribs, nose, and jaw bones, fractured sternum and head trauma. No Fall Arrest System / Body Harness was being used.
B	Major	Fall	Carroll	10/23	Fri	6:30 AM	M	64	Yes	No	Bow	Deer	While climbing up to his treestand, the support strap connecting the top ladder section to the tree broke. The hunter was not wearing a Fall Arrest System while ascending the tree and fell. The hunter suffered a severely broken ankle requiring surgery.
B	Minor	Fall	Hancock	10/25	Sun	5:20 PM	M	38	Yes	Yes	Bow	Deer	Hunter arrived at tree, climbed up the tree using climbing sticks with bow and backpack on. When he stepped onto the treestand platform he slipped and fell 18ft to the ground. Suffered a lacerated spleen and internal bleeding. Fall Arrest System and life line were available, but not used.
B	Major	Fall	Lake	11/8	Sun	7:30 AM	M	45	Yes	Unk	Bow	Deer	Hunter fell asleep while in his tree stand and fell to the ground landing on an exposed root. This impact caused a compression fracture to two vertebrae. Hunter had to crawl 4.5 hrs to get back to his truck. No Fall Arrest System was used.
B	Major	Fall	Macoupin	12/4	Fri	2:58 PM	M	34	Yes	Yes	Firearm	Deer	When the hunter sat down on the stand the strap broke causing the hunter to fall 12 feet, breaking his hip. Hunter had failed to replace the support straps and was using old ones. Straps broke into 3 different pieces. Failure to inspect equipment and No Fall Arrest System used.
B	FATAL	Fall	Perry	12/5	Sat	5:00 PM	M	66	Yes	No	Firearm	Deer	Hunter was attempting to climb out of his homemade ladderstand when the camouflage netting blew over his head causing him to lose his balance and fell 8-10 feet . He suffered severe injuries; a ruptured spleen, fractured hip, fractured spine and broken tibular. He succumbed to the injuries four days after the fall. Was carrying his equipment and No Fall Arrest System was used.
B	Minor	Fall	Adams	12/6	Sun	6:10 AM	M	53	Yes	Yes	Muzzleloader	Deer	While climbing up to his treestand, the support strap connecting the top section of the climbing sticks to the tree broke. The hunter fell 18 ft. backwards suffering cracked vertebrae and deep bruising to the thigh. He was not utilizing a Fall Arrest System.

Type B Hunting Safety Incident is one that does not involve the discharge of a hunting implement.

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C	Major	Fall	Randolph	2/3	Tue	2:30 PM	M	69	N/A	No	Removing Treestand	N/A	Individual was removing his treestand from the tree when he fell. Fractured his neck in two areas. No Fall Arrest System was being used.
C	Major	Fall	Henry	10/14	Wed	8:45 AM	M	52	N/A	No	Removing Treestand	N/A	After unhooking the top strap of his ladder treestand to remove it, the ladder bowed in the middle, causing him to fall. He fell 12 ft. breaking his leg. No Fall Arrest System used.
C	Minor	Bat Bite	Calhoun	10/24	Sat	6:30 AM	M	63	Yes	No	Shotgun	Duck	Hunter opened a box that had been left in the duck blind, he did not know it had bats in it. One of the bats bit his ear. Hunter was treated and released.
C	FATAL	Drowning	Shelby	10/24	Sat	4:42 PM	M	32	Yes	Yes	Bow	Deer	Hunter slipped and slid into a deep pool of water while crossing a creek enroute to his archery stand to hunt. Hunter was unable to swim or pull himself from the water.
C	Major	Fall	Fayette	10/25	Sun	10:00 AM	M	37	N/A	Unk	Installing Treestand	N/A	Two hunters were installing a ladder type treestand. One hunter went up the ladder portion to secure the top of the stand to the tree. Hunters had not secured the center brace prior to climbing the ladder causing the ladder to buckle in under the pressure. Hunter fell to the ground, suffering severe cervical spine injury. No Fall Arrest System was used.
C	Minor	Fall	Fayette	11/4	Wed	10:00 AM	M	32	N/A	Yes	Inspecting Treestand	N/A	While checking his treestand for an upcoming hunt the nylon rope securing his climbing stick to the tree broke. The hunter fell 16 feet breaking his leg. No Fall Arrest System was used.
C	Major	Fall	Jersey Macoupin	11/4	Wed	5:50 AM	M	63	N/A	Yes	Installing Treestand	N/A	While preparing to hang his treestand prior to a hunt, hunter failed to properly secure fastening hook of the lineman's type safety belt. Hunter fell 18 feet, suffering broken ribs and severe spinal injury. Individual is now paralyzed from T6 and down.
C	Major	Fall	Randolph	11/7	Sat	4:00 PM	M	50	N/A	Yes	Installing Treestand	N/A	Three individuals were setting up a ladder type treestand. Once they had the stand strapped in place, one hunter climbed up to view the shooting lanes. As he prepared to put on his safety harness the branch he had his hand on broke, causing him to fall. The victim was standing below the stand when the other hunter fell on him shattering his ankle. Improper use of a Fall Arrest System.
C	Major	Fall	Williamson	11/11	Wed	11:40 AM	M	57	N/A	Yes	Installing Treestand	N/A	Hunter had attached his hang-on treestand to the tree. The hunter was standing on the platform when the ratchet strap released under the weight of the hunter. Hunter suffered a fractured wrist, ankle and lower spine. No Fall Arrest System was used.

ile in the field, but not caused by the act of, or during, the hunting.