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A	Major	Self Inflicted	Edgar	1/13	Fri	4:38 PM	M	25	Yes	Yes	Shotgun	Deer	Hunter was climbing out of treestand when he grabbed the shotgun from above him hitting the trigger and discharging the gun into the second and third digit of his right foot. Failure to Unload Firearm and No Haul Line used.
A	Minor	Self Inflicted	Randolph	8/1	Tue	2:40 PM	M	18	No	Yes	Shotgun	Squirrel	Hunter was looking for a squirrel up in a tree along a hillside. As he was walking around tree trunk he lost his footing and fell forward. The firearm discharged into his abdomen. No vital organs where hit and victim was released same day. Hunter did not have a Valid Hunting License or Habitat Stamp.
A	Minor	Discharge of Firearm	Tazewell	9/1	Fri	7:00 AM	M	62	Yes	Yes	Firearm	Dove	Victim was hunting dove on his privately owned property when he heard a shot and felt a stinging sensation in his right calf. An X-ray discovered he had a round metal object just under the skin. Hunter hit by shotgun pellet.
A	Minor	Self Inflicted	Perry	10/16	Mon	8:00 AM	M	38	Yes	Yes	Crossbow	Deer	Hunter caught left thumb on bowstring when firing crossbow. Hunter suffered a broken bone near base of thumb and a large laceration. No finger guard used.
A	Minor	Failure to Identify Target	Cumberland	11/4	Sat	11:15 AM	M	50	Yes	Yes	Shotgun	Rabbit	Victim was rabbit hunting with a friend (shooter) when he was shot in his left leg. Shooter stated even though victim was wearing Hunter Orange, he did not see him behind the brush.
A	Major	Failure to know zone of fire	Bureau	12/3	Sun	12:45 PM	M	50	Yes	No	Shotgun	Deer	Victim was pushing deer for the shooter. When deer appeared shooter fired 3 shots, victim began yelling he had been hit. Victim suffered a injuries to the abdominal, bowels, spleen and hip. Shooter failed to maintain awareness of his zone of fire and his partner's location, victim was not wearing hunter orange.
A	Major	Self Inflicted Careless Handling	Morgan	12/30	Sat	9:00 AM	M	25	Yes	Yes	Shotgun	Goose	Hunter was using a lay out blind to goose hunt. As he was preparing to shoot at incoming geese his firearm hung up inside the blind and pulled the trigger. The shot impacted his foot resulting in complete removal of 2 1/2 toes.

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B	Minor	Fall	Richland	10/28	Sat	8:30 AM	M	57	No	Yes	Bow	Deer	Hunter was in treestand wearing Fall Arrest System, Safety Harness when stand detached and fell from tree. Hunter suffered detached bicep. Failure to Inspect Treestand, Fall Arrest System saved his life.
B	Minor	Fall	Kendall	11/17	Fri	8:15 AM	M	59	Yes	No	Shotgun	Deer	Hunter was climbing down from treestand when he slipped and fell approximately 15-20 feet. No Fall Arrest Harness was used.
B	Minor	Fall	Jackson	12/1	Fri	6:00 AM	M	64	Yes	Unk	Shotgun	Deer	Hunter was climbing last rung of ladder to platform seat of his deer stand carrying his hunting gear when he slipped and fell 15 feet, landing feet first. Hunter was temporarily unconscious and discovered his right leg was broken when he came to. Hunter was alone with no cell phone. No Fall Arrest Harness used.
B	Major	Fall	White	12/2	Sat	1:40 PM	M	32	Yes	Yes	Muzzle loader	Deer	While the hunter was working his climbing stand up the tree, the bottom platform fell. This left the hunter holding on to the top climbing-seat part. The hunter eventually fell 12-15 feet, causing a compound fracture of the 2 bones in the lower leg and a fracture below the knee. Failure to inspect the stand and not properly utilizing a Fall Arrest System resulted in the fall.
B	<u>Major</u>	Fall	Rock Island	12/4	Mon	12:30 PM	M	77	N/A	No	N/A	N/A	Individual was removing a ladder treestand from current location. When he removed the top strap the stand twisted and fell to the ground with him on it. Individual suffered a fractured hip, bleeding in the brain, and bruising of the back. No Assistance or Fall Arrest System was being used.
B	<u>Major</u>	Fall	Livingston	12/9	Saturday	3:15 PM	M	34	Yes	Yes	Bow	Deer	Hunter fell 15-20 feet from tree stand while climbing on to the stand. He fractured/crushed the bones in his foot. Failure to check condition of stand and not properly utilizing a Fall Arrest System resulted in the fall.

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C	Minor	Hip Popped Out of Socket	Jersey	2/20	Mon	5:30 PM	M	59	No	Yes	Shotgun	Goose	Hunter was sitting on the edge of a goose blind when his hip popped out of the socket. Hunter went to hospital where they popped his hip back in place.
C	Major	Fall	Lawrence	10/7	Wed	9:30 AM	M	42	N/A	Unk	Working on Treestand	None	Victim was putting ratchet strap on a tresstand that had been left up from the previous year when two cables holding the foot platform broke causing victim to fall 30 feet. Victim landed on his back breaking four vertebrae and eight ribs. No Fall Arrest Harness used.
C	FATAL	Fall	Richland	10/8	Sun	8:00 AM	M	70	Yes	Unk	Bow	Deer	Hunter fell from treestand while suffering a heart attack due to coronary heart disease. No Fall Arrest Harness was used.
C	FATAL	Fall	Wayne	10/26	Thur	1:35 PM	M	57	Yes	Unk	Removing Treestand	None	Victim was in the process of moving a treestand when it collapsed due to cables breaking from weight. Victim was alert, sitting up and able to call his friend. Victim was airlifted to hospital where he later died due to internal hemorrhaging caused by a fractured pelvis. No Fall Arrest Harness was used.
C	FATAL	Heart Attack	Marshall	11/6	Mon	Unk	M	66	Yes	Unk	Crossbow	Deer	Victim suffered a heart attack while walking back to his vehicle.

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