

## 2016-17 TREESTAND INCIDENTS

County	Date	Shooter Age	Victim Age	Animal Hunted	Distance	Device	Treestand	Self-Injury	Fatal/ Fatal	Non-Fatal
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<b>Fredrick</b>	11/17/2016		15	Deer		Rifle	Y	Y	N	
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No Fall Arrest System. Individual jumped to the ground from a tree limb and landed on the rifle's muzzle. The firearm did not discharge, but the muzzle penetrated through his body into his abdomen.

<b>Giles</b>	11/1/2016		60	Deer	0-10 Yards		Y	Y	N	
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Victim had climbed into his homemade tree stand to fix some rotten boards and hunt the same evening. He was not wearing a Fall Arrest System. He stepped on a rotten board and fell approximately 15 feet landing on a rock and impacting the left side of his body; resulting in three (3) pelvis fractures and two (2) neck fractures.

<b>Louisa</b>	11/19/2016						Y	Y	N	
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Hunter was climbing out of the tree stand and stated he believes he missed the third step. He stepped on a branch that broke and he fell about 11 feet. He was not attached with a fall arrest system. His lower leg was fractured.

<b>Loudoun</b>	12/4/2016			Deer			Y	Y	N	
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Fall Arrest System not properly connected. Victim fell 20 feet; suffered a broken neck and back.

<b>Orange</b>	11/16/2016		54	Deer	0-10 Yards		Y	Y	F	
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Victim told friends and family that he was going to scout an area and hang a tree stand. Victim was located face down in prone position at base of tree stand; with evidence of trauma to face. The hunting gear of the victim was placed at the base of a nearby tree. It appears the victim fell out of the tree while attempting to hang the tree stand. Unknown exact height from fall, but tree stand was located approx. 17 ft 8 in high in the tree. No safety harness was located at the scene.

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<b>Prince Edward</b>	1/6/2017		41	Deer			Y	Y	N	
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No Fall Arrest System. Strap holding ladder steps broke. Victim fell 15 feet and broke his leg.

<b>Shennendoah</b>	12/17/2016		47	Deer	0-10 Yards		Y	Y	N	
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No Fall Arrest System; 7-year old straps holding stand in the tree. Strap broke, victim fell 20 feet: broken pelvis, leg, and 5 ribs.

<b>Washington</b>	10/23/2016		40	Deer	0-10 Yards	Bow	Y	Y	N	
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Fall Arrest System not attached to tree while victim was climbing. Hunter fell 15 feet landed on his back and head with injury to both.

**Total Records in this Report: 8**