

## **DEFINITION OF A HUNTING INCIDENT**

A hunting-related incident is defined as any occurrence when a person is injured during actual hunting activities.

**Type A** hunting-related incident is any incident that causes injury or death of any person(s) as a result of the discharge of a firearm or bow during actual hunting activities.

**Type B** hunting-related incident is any incident while hunting **not** involving the discharge of a firearm or bow which causes injury or death of any person(s).

**Type C** medical issues or injuries suffered while in the field, but not caused by the act of, or during, the hunting related activities.

		<u>TYPE A</u>	<u>TYPE B</u>	
<b>2005</b>	Fatal	01	01	
	Non-Fatal	14	15	
	Total	15	16	<b>Total Type A &amp; B = 31</b>

**NOTE:** All Type B incidents were treestand related

		<u>TYPE A</u>	<u>TYPE B</u>	
<b>2006</b>	Fatal	02	00	
	Non-Fatal	16	13	
	Total	18	13	<b>Total Type A &amp; B = 31</b>

**NOTE:** All Type B incidents were treestand related incidents

		<u>TYPE A</u>	<u>TYPE B</u>	
<b>2007</b>	Fatal	02	02	
	Non-Fatal	14	12	
	Total	16	14	<b>Total Type A &amp; B = 30</b>

**NOTE:** All Type B incidents were treestand related incidents

		<u>TYPE A</u>	<u>TYPE B</u>	
<b>2008</b>	Fatal	01	07	
	Non-Fatal	06	24	
	Total	07	31	<b>Total Type A &amp; B = 38</b>

**NOTE:** 30 Type B incidents were treestand related incidents – 1 fatal was a drowning

		<u>TYPE A</u>	<u>TYPE B</u>	
<b>2009</b>	Fatal	01	01	
	Non-Fatal	06	15	
	Total	07	16	<b>Total Type A &amp; B = 23</b>

**NOTE:** 15 Type B incidents were treestand related incidents – 1 was an impaled hand

Total number of Hunting Licenses sold: 334,458

		<u>TYPE A</u>	<u>TYPE B</u>	
<b>2010</b>	Fatal	01	02	
	Non-Fatal	08	11	
	Total	09	13	<b>Total Type A &amp; B = 22</b>

**NOTE:** 11 Type B incidents were treestand related incidents – 1 impaled by knife – 1 tore muscles from knee

**Type C** - There were also 4 hunter fatalities reported due to heart attacks

Total number of Hunting Licenses sold: 323,681

		<u>TYPE A</u>	<u>TYPE B</u>	
<b>2011</b>	Fatal	01	00	
	Non-Fatal	11	14	
	Total	12	14	<b>Total Type A &amp; B = 26</b>

**NOTE:** 13 Type B incidents were treestand falls.

**Type C** - 3 hunters suffered fatal heart attacks and 2 others suffered fatal head trauma when their ATVs flipped.

Total number of Hunting Licenses sold: 322,434

		<u>TYPE A</u>	<u>TYPE B</u>	
<b>2012</b>	Fatal	01	02	
	Non-Fatal	14	09	
	Total	15	11	<b>Total Type A &amp; B = 26</b>

**NOTE:** 10 Type B Incidents were due to treestand falls, 2 being fatal.

**Type C** - 3 Hunters died due to medical issues while participating in hunting related activities.

Total number of Hunting Licenses sold: 322,915

		<u>TYPE A</u>	<u>TYPE B</u>	
<b>2013</b>	Fatal	00	00	
	Non-Fatal	10	16 (15 falls from treestands)	
	Total	10	16	<b>Total Type A &amp; B = 26</b>

**NOTE:**

Total number of Hunting Licenses sold: 315,486

		<u>TYPE A</u>	<u>TYPE B</u>	
<b>2014</b>	Fatal	01	01	
	Non-Fatal	08	10 (9 falls from treestands)	
	Total	09	11	<b>Total Type A &amp; B = 20</b>

**NOTE: Type A Fatal** -Hunter was hunting with a crossbow, but attempted to remove a concealed pistol from shoulder harness. Hunter had on layers of clothing and insulated gloves. In the process of pulling the pistol out, it was discharged. Hunter was struck in the mid-chest area.

**Type B Fatal** - Tree stand top support strap broke causing hunter to fall 21 feet. Hunter was not using a Fall Arrest System/ Body Harness. Trauma to head and neck area.

**Type C Fatal** -Hunter was en route back to his vehicle after archery hunting. When crossing a wooden bridge, a board broke. Hunter fell 3 feet through bridge, fracturing both knees and lower leg.

Total number of Hunting Licenses sold: 321,488

		<u>TYPE A</u>	<u>TYPE B</u>	
<b>2015</b>	Fatal	01	01	
	Non-Fatal	08	06	
	Total	09	07	<b>Total Type A &amp; B = 16</b>

**NOTE: Type A Fatal** - 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.

**Type B Fatal** - 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.

**Type C Fatal** - 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. There were a total nine (9) Type C incidents, of those 7 were falls from treestands while installing or removing their stands.

Total number of Hunting Licenses sold: 308,878

		<u>TYPE A</u>	<u>TYPE B</u>	<u>TYPE C</u>
<b>2016</b>	Fatal	00	01	00
	Non-Fatal	03	22	02
	Total	03	23	02

**Total Type A & B = 26**

Total number of Hunting Licenses sold: 301,802

		<u>TYPE A</u>	<u>TYPE B</u>	<u>TYPE C</u>
<b>2017</b>	Fatal	00	00	03
	Non-Fatal	07	07	02
	Total	07	07	05

**Total Type A & B = 14**

Total number of Hunting Licenses sold: 301,931