

June 14, 2006

To: ASTM Archery Subcommittee and CPSC

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Over the past several months each member of the task force received and reviewed the 143 reports. Each gave their own views on the reports and their contents. It is interesting that all approached the project in different ways, however, there were common themes found in all responses:

1. Most reports lacked adequate information from which to form an intelligent conclusion. Most states, if not all, have no uniform Treestand Hunter Casualty report form nor is it mandatory that one be completed in the event of serious injury or death from a treestand accident like it is with accidental firearms shootings.
2. An overwhelming number of accidents appear to have resulted from lack of use of full body harness.
3. An overwhelming number of accidents appear to have been incurred by adults between 21 and 80.

Conclusion:

Since 1995, the Treestand Manufacturers Association through establishment of standards, testing and education in cooperation with the National Bowhunter Education Foundation have made tremendous strides in safety of product as well as formal education of hunters/consumers through instructions, video/DVD, Public Service Announcement on television and in print. There have also been numerous articles written on treestand safety by many outdoor writer.

Many treestand safety seminars have been held at consumer trade shows and outdoor writers camps.

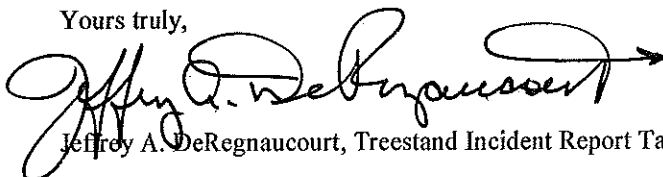
The NBEF and the International Hunter Education Association have incorporated treestand safety curriculum in their classes which are taught to our nation's youth.

Recommendations:

1. Require that all states adopt the IHEA Elevated Hunting Incident Reporting Form or risk losing Federal Pitman-Robinson Funds.
2. Make the use of full body harnesses mandatory nationally or risk losing Federal Pitman-Robinson Funds.
3. Publicize the TMA Treestand Safety Guidelines
4. Emphasize the importance of using products certified to TMA standards.
5. Outlaw homemade treestands on all public property.
6. Due to the age group which seems to be having all the accidents and due to the fact that when they went through hunter's Ed (if ever) we strongly believe that a major effort be made to educate those in this age group in treestand safety protocol including the use of certified stands and full body harnesses.

While the information in the reports which we reviewed was mostly incomplete, we are confident that if our recommendations were implemented, we would realize a significant reduction in what appears to be mostly avoidable accidents involving serious injury or death.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff A. DeRegnaucourt", with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Jeffrey A. DeRegnaucourt, Treestand Incident Report Taskforce Chairperson

Steps in proper treestand use:

1. Purchase - make certain certified to TMA standards
2. Open the box – make certain instructions are read, all parts included and assembled where necessary.
3. View DVD/Video on treestand safety.
4. Try on full body harness and adjust to person.
5. Attach treestand to tree at ground level during daylight hours.
6. Attach harness to tree at ground level and verify that it can remain attached to the tree at all times during the ascent, occupancy of the stand and the descent.
7. Practice with treestand up to hunting height including shooting from stand.
8. If all the above have been successful, scout the tree(s) the stand will be used in and practice ascent, occupancy, shooting from and descent per instructions and treestand safety dvd/video.
9. Maintain treestand and related equipment and replace worn or broken parts with manufacture's approved parts or have the manufacturer do it for you.

**Jeff DeRegnaucourt**

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**Subject:** CPSC Treestand Accident Data

Jeff:

As promised, I have completed review of the subject data before June 1<sup>st</sup>. I have spent over 3 days pouring through the "reports" and attempting to decipher relevant facts to categorize the data into a database for analysis. After almost a day of scanning I used the following for categories in the database: No., Date, State, Treestand, Injury, FAS, Age/Wgt, Description and TS Fault. There are inconsistencies as well as duplications. Many "reports" are nothing more than newspaper clippings and many are incomplete data from some sort of incident clearing house (for attorneys?). The only ones of some value are where an investigation was made and they too are somewhat lacking in facts and consistency. I feel I my time has been wasted.

With that said there are not many meaningful, if any, conclusions that can be reached from these fuzzy "reports". I condensed the 143 "reports" to 129 by eliminating the obvious duplicates. My summary (with limited accuracy) is:

1. In 75% of the deaths the subject was not using FAS.
2. Although 9 were unknown, in 79% of the accidents the subject was not using FAS.
3. Between just climbers and hang-on stands, 55% occurred with climbers and 45% with hang-ons. (I've been told that climbers were the cause of **most** treestand accidents. So, factoring in ladders, homemades, steps, etc. this is **untrue**).
4. Treestand failures were **not** the predominant cause of the accidents (30%).
5. Unknown states and Michigan were tied at 24 each in having the most accidents. (Michigan led in deaths).

Conclusion and recommendations:

1. To drastically reduce treestand accidents and deaths make FAS use mandatory when using a treestand.
2. Continue to publicize:
  - a. The TMA Treestand Safety Guidelines
  - b. The value of using TMA Certified treestands.
  - c. The dangers of, and solutions to, suspension trauma.
  - d. The necessity of reading and understanding treestand manufacturer's instructions.
3. Implement the use of "the" form for all treestand accident reports to acquire sufficient and accurate incident data.

Hope this has some value.

jw

PS I'm on NW flight 3174 on June 15<sup>th</sup> leaving Detroit at 1:35PM for the ASTM meeting in Erie and it arrives at 2:42PM. Are you flying or driving?

5/15/2006

TASK #	DATE	AGE OF VICTIM	FBH SEX USED?	TYPE OF COMM. STAND	HOME-MADE STAND?	HEIGHT	TYPE OF INJURY	FATALITY	COMMENTS
1141350	10/25/2003	52	M	NO	climber 2 piece	NO	40	YES	DID NOT USE TETHER FOR TOP/BOTTOM
10171059	1/1/2002	37	M	YES	climber 2 piece	NO	15	MINOR	DID NOT USE TETHER FOR TOP/BOTTOM
10230071	11/19/2003	60	M	YES	?	?	?	YES	HEART ATTACK
G10081	1/1/2004	?	M	?	?	?	40	YES	INSUFFICIENT DATA
HAO135	2002	37	M	?	?	?	?	MINOR	INSUFFICIENT DATA
160144	9/28/2002	36	M	NO	climber 2 piece	NO	?	MINOR	NO FBH & PRODUCT FAILURE
N102491	?	?	M	NO	?	?	?	YES	NO FBH + USED BRANCH
of01142276	11/12/2000	42	M	NO	?	?	20	YES	NO FBH
of08012593	11/27/1999	43	M	NO	climber 2 piece	NO	?	YES	NO FBH & PRODUCT FAILURE
of08270835	8/8/1999	53	M	NO	climber 2 piece	NO	20	FRACT.	NO FBH & PRODUCT FAILURE
of09230917	10/1/1999	28	M	YES	?	NO	?	NONE	FBH USED & PRODUCT FAILURE
of11190137	10/19/2002	50	M	NO	fixed	NO	15	YES	FBH NOT USED
of12172220	11/24/2002	46	M	NO		YES	11	YES	FBH NOT USED. ALCOHOL RELATED?
ofC60014	?	?	M	NO	climber 2 piece	NO	?	YES	FBH NOT USED/SGL STRAP USED INSTEAD
									TETHER TO CON. TOP/BOTT. NOT USED
GA0087	9/14/2003	36	M	NO	?	?	?	FRACT.	FBH NOT USED
GA0170	?	?	M	NO	?	?	?	SERIOUS	FBH NOT USED / PARALYSIS
GB0033	?	?	M	NO	?	?	?	BR.LEGS	FBH NOT USED
GB0200	11/25/2002	?	M	?	?	?	?	MINOR	SGL STRAP BELT?
G80232	8/8/1999	53	M	NO	climber 2 piece	NO	20	BACK	FBH NOT USED/PRODUCT FAILURE?
H10003	12/11/2003	?	M	YES	climber 2 piece	NO	?	NONE	FBH USED. ALLEDG.BAD INSTRUCT.
H90158	10/7/99	?	M	YES	?	NO	10	NONE	FBH USED. PRODUCT FAILURE
GBO200	11/25/2002								DUPLICATION OF PREVIOUS REPORT
IB0225	10/19/2001	50	M	NO	?	NO	12	BR.BONES	FBH NOT USED/PRODUCT FAILURE?
NA0085	?	?	M	?	?	?	15	YES	FBH NOT USED
NB0020	10/7/2003	?	M	NO	climber 2 piece	NO	45	NONE	FBH NOT USED/STAND TETHER NOT USED
NC0038	10/5/2002	?	M	?	climber 2 piece	NO	30	YES	?FBH USED PROPERLY? PROD. FAIL?
NC0057	?	?	M	NO	NO	YES	?	YES	HOMEMADE STAND COLLAPSED
X94315	?	42	M	?	?	?	?	?	INSUFFICIENT DATA
XA5028	10/26/2003	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	INSUFFICIENT DATA
11290145	11/18/2002	36	M	NO	climber 2 piece	NO	15	MINOR	FBH NOT USED
1027109	12/28/2001	45	M	NO	fixed	Y/N	19	YES	FBH NOT USED/HOMEMADE LADDER
1221356	1/3/2002	42	M	NO	climber 2 piece	NO	?	YES	SGL STRAP BELT & TETHER NOT USED
1241228	12/28/2001	37	M	NO	climber 2 piece	NO	6.5	MINOR	FBH NOT USED. PROD.FAILURE?
5092214	10/19/2001	24	M	NO	fixed	NO	20	MAJOR	FBH NOT USED. PROD.FAILURE?
6301611	11/11/2003	?	M	NO	fixed	NO	20	MINOR	FBH NOT USED. PROD.FAILURE?
8111799	9/28/2002	36	M	NO	climber 2 piece	NO	9	MINOR	FBH NOT USED. PROD.FAILURE?
8130722	8/26/2001	53	M	NO	ladder stand	NO	10	MINOR	FBH NOT USED NOR X STAB. STRAPS
8297459	11/15/2001	29	M	NO	climber 2 piece	NO	35	NONE	FBH NOT USED/SGL STRAP USED INSTEAD
									PRODUCT FAILURE?
10111024	9/18/2005	46	M	NO	climbing stick	NO	15	MINOR	FBH NOT USED.PRODUCT FAILURE?
10202030	10/9/2005	16	M	NO	fixed/dom lad.	Y/N	16	MINOR	FBH NOT USED/DOMESTIC LADDER
10282051	10/22/2005	33	M	NO	?	?	40	YES	FBH NOT USED/MAY HAVE USED BRANCH
11013072	10/24/2005	80	M	NO	?	NO	25	YES	FBH NOT USED/HEART ATTACK ALSO

TASK #	DATE	AGE OF VICTIM	SEX	FBH USED?	TYPE OF COMM. STAND	HOME-MADE STAND?	HEIGHT	TYPE OF INJURY	FATALITY	COMMENTS
11050079	11/1/2002	50	M	NO	fixed	?	25		YES	FBH NOT USED/RUSTED S/ STEPS
11092109	9/24/2004	43	M	NO	fixed	NO	20		YES	FBH NOT USED
11120145	10/21/2004	37	M	YES	dual f/c	NO	20	MINOR		FBH AND STAND BOTH FAILED
11141132	10/20/2002	59	M	NO	?	NO	18	MINOR		SEAT FAILURE BUT NO FALL NO FBH.
11142108	10/2/2002	75	M	NO		YES	15		YES	HOMEMADE STAND AND BELT
11152083	10/15/2005	42	M	NO	climber 2 piece	NO	13		YES	SH/HARNES W/4 TETHER
11190172	11/10/2004	39	M	NO	climber 2 piece	NO	15	MINOR		FBH NOT USED/PRODUCT FAILURE?
11192141	11/15/2004	45	M	NO	ladder stand	NO	15		YES	HOMEMADE BELT 10' FREEFALL 300LB
										VICTIM 5' 7"
111232097	10/30/2005	45	M	NO	climber 2 piece	NO	27		YES	FBH ON GROUND NOT IN USE. PROD FAIL?
111291157	12/31/2001	45	M	?		YES	28		YES	HOMEMADE STAND AND BELT?
12011145	11/26/2005	53	M	YES	climber 2 piece	NO	?		YES	FBH UNDER RECALL
12127628	10/5/2002	34	M	YES	climber 2 piece	NO	20		YES	FBH WRONG EXTRACTION METHOD
12130240	12/8/2004	56	M	NO	fixed	?	?		YES	FBH NOT USED NOR CLIMBING BELT
12132204	11/2/2005	18	M	YES	climber 2 piece	?	20	minor		FBH PREVENTED FALL AND INJURY
12172219	11/17/2002	40	M	YES	fixed	?	40	MINOR		FBH WORN NOT ATTACHED TO STAND
										HUNTER USED FROSTED BRANCH TO STEP
28002060	1/3/2002	42	M	NO	climber 2 piece	?	?		YES	SINGLE STRAP SUFFOCATION
28026455	12/31/2001	45	M	?	?	?	?		YES	SUFFOCATION ?SGL STRAP OR FBH
C85001	?	?	?	?	climber 2 piece	NO	?	?	NO	INADEQUATE INFORMATION
C95002	11/3/2001	?	M	NO	?	NO	20	MINOR		SINGLE STRAP BELT MALFUNCTION?
CB5005	10/31/2001	59	M	NO	?	?	20		YES	SINGLE STRAP BELT FAILURE?
C95009	10/26/2002	?	?	NO	?	?	?	?		TREESTAND FAILURE UNDER RECALL
										FBH NOT USED.
GC0251	12/2/01	45	M	NO	fixed	NO	20	MINOR		FBH NOT USED.
GAO147	10/7/2004	38	M	NO	fixed	?	30	MINOR		FBH NOT USED.
GAO179	10/3/2002	75	M	NO	?	?	?		YES	SAFETY BELT FAILURE
GB0013	11/2/2002	50	M	NO	?	?	?		YES	FBH NOT USED.
G90227	9/26/2004	43	M	NO	fixed?	NO	20		YES	FBH NOT USED.
G90003	?	47	M	NO	fixed	NO?	?		YES	FBH NOT USED.
GB0124	11/17/2002	40	M	NO	fixed	NO	40	MINOR		FBH NOT USED.
GB0180	11/1/2002	?	?	?	?	?	?		YES	FBH NOT USED.
GB0194	11/24/2002	45	M	NO	?	?	?		YES	FBH NOT USED.
GC0077	12/10/2004	56	M	NO	fixed	?	35		YES	FBH NOT USED.
H10120	12/27/2001	37	M	NO	climber 2 piece	NO	5	MINOR		FBH NOT USED.
H50102	11/16/2002	57	M	NO	fixed	NO	?	MINOR		FBH NOT USED.
H60054	9/25/2002	50	M	NO	ladder stand	NO	15?	MINOR		FBH NOT USED.
H60231	12/1/2003	69	M	NO	ladder stand	NO	15?	MAJOR	NO	FBH NOT USED.
HA0101	10/5/2002	34	M	NO?	fixed	NO	20	MINOR		FBH NOT USED.
HA0232	10/20/2002	?	?	YES	fixed	NO	18	NONE		FBH WORN, NOT ATTACHED TO TREE.
HB0167	10/21/2004	37	M	?	fixed	NO	18	MINOR		FBH PROPERLY USED/STAND FAILED
HB0234	11/10/2004	39	M	NO	climber 2 piece	NO	15	MINOR		SINGLE STRAP AND STAND FAILED.
150097	10/19/2001	24	M	NO	climber 2 piece	NO	20	MAJOR	NO	FBH NOT USED/STAND FAILURE
150371	5/25/2005	36	M	NO	ladder stand	NO	15	MINOR		FBH NOT USED/STAND FAILURE?

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I60144	9/28/2002	36	M	NO	climber 2 piece	NO	?	MINOR	NO	FBH NOT USED/STAND FAILURE?
I60440	11/11/2003	?	M	NO	fixed	NO	20	MINOR?	NO	FBH NOT USED/STAND FAILURE?
I70258	10/7/03	21	M	NO	fixed	NO	15	MINOR	NO	FBH NOT USED/STAND FAILURE?
?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	DISGRUNTLED EMPLOYEE
I80218	8/26/2001	53	M	NO	ladder stand	NO	15?	MINOR	NO	FBH NOT USED/STAND FAILURE?
IA0106	9/18/2005	46	M	NO	climb/steps	NO	20	MINOR	NO	FBH LINEMANS NOT USED/STEP FAIL?
IC0116	11/23/2001	35	M	NO	climber 2 piece	NO	?		YES	FBH NOT USED. WIDOW STATES FBH USE SHOULD BE MANDATORY
N10004	12/28/2001	44	M	NO	?	?	?		YES	FBH NOT USED.
N80045	11/7/01	?	M	NO	climber 2 piece	NO	?	NONE		FBH NOT USED/STAND FAILURE?
NA0053	10/9/2005	16	M	NO	?	?	?	MINOR	NO	FBH NOT USED/UNSUPV. MINOR?
NA0123	10/15/2005	15	M	NO	?	?	?	MINOR	NO	FBH NOT USED/UNSUPV. MINOR?
NA0124	10/16/2005	37	M	NO	?	?	20	MINOR	NO	FBH NOT USED.
NA0152	10/15/2005	?	M	YES	?	?	?		YES	FBH ATTACH TO TREE IMPROPERLY
NA0208	10/25/2004	?	M	NO	?	?	16		YES	FBH NOT USED.
NA0239	10/18/2005	45	?	NO	?	?	?		YES	FBH NOT USED.
NA0279	10/28/2002	?	M	NO	?	?	?		YES	FBH NOT USED.
NA0292	10/26/2005	?	M	NO	?	?	?		YES	FBH NOT USED.
NA0319	10/22/2005	35	M	NO	?	?	?		YES	FBH NOT USED.
NB0015	10/31/2005	45	M	YES?	?	?	?		YES	FBH WORN NOT USED.
NB0155	11/8/2005	TEEN	M	YES	?	?	?	MINOR		FBH USED.
NB0260	11/8/2005	?	M	NO	?	YES	20	MINOR		FBH NOT USED/HOMEMADE STAND
NB0291	10/20/2005	61	M	NO	?	?	20	MAJOR		FBH NOT USED.
NB0495	11/1/2005	?	M	NO	?	?	16	MAJOR		FBH NOT USED.
NBO502	11/3/2005	18	M	YES?	fixed	?	18	MAJOR		FBH USED?
NC0200	11/27/2001	48	M	NO	?	?	?		YES	FBH NOT USED.
NC0221	11/28/2001	?	M	?	?	?	?	MINOR		FBH NOT USED?
NC0235	11/30/2004	42 & 45	M	?	?	?	?	?	?	FBH NOT USED?
GA0148-095	10/7/04	35	M	NO	?	?	25	MAJOR	NO	FBH NOT USED.
GA0225	10/7/04	48	M	NO	?	?	20		YES	FBH NOT USED.
GB0036	11/7/04	?	M	YES	fixed	?	20?	MINOR		FBH & STAND FAILURE
GB0175	11/7/04	45	M	NO	?	?	14		YES	FBH NOT USED.
GC0046	11/13/2004	?	M	NO	?	?	35	MAJOR		FBH NOT USED.
IA0508	10/2/2004	33	M	NO	ladder stand	NO	15	MINOR		FBH NOT USED. STAND LEFT IN WOODS
										ALL YEAR CHAIN GROWING INTO TREE.
NA0208	10/7/04	?	M2	NO	?	?	?		YES	FBH NOT USED.
XBO515	11/7/05	?	M	YES?	?	?	?		YES	HARNESSTRANGULATION
XB0515	11/7/05	?	M	NO	?	?	15	MINOR		FBH NOT USED
X10375	11/29/2001	48	M	NO	?	?	?		YES	FBH NOT USED
X20114	11/8/2004	76	M	NO	?	?	?		YES	FBH NOT USED
X31331	11/23/2001	70	M	NO		YES	?		YES	FBH NOT USED/HOMEMADE STAND
X31339	12/29/2001	32	M	NO	?	?	30		YES	FBH NOT USED.
X31672	10/30/2001	47	M	NO	?	?	?		YES	FBH NOT USED. SGL STRAP BELT FAIL.
X41702	10/26/2003	62	M	NO	?	?	?		YES	FBH NOT USED.

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## UNIFORM HUNTER CASUALTY REPORT

INSTRUCTIONS: For the purpose of this report, a Hunter Casualty is a casualty in which a person is injured by sporting arms outside of the home, arising from the activity of hunting, including travel to and from the hunting field. Fill in as much of the information as can be obtained. Where reliable information is unknown, indicate "unknown".

## TYPE OF CASUALTY

☐ FATAL ☐ NON-FATAL ☐ UNKNOWN

WAS INJURY OR DEATH SELF INFLICTED?

YES. If Yes, Supply Information Under Shooter  
NO. If No, Supply Information Under Shooter And Victim

INVESTIGATION REPORT NUMBER

AGENCY COMPLETING REPORT

COUNTY TOWNSHIP/SECTION NUMBER

DATE OF CASUALTY

TIME OF DAY

☐ AM ☐ PM

INJURIES

☐ HEAD ☐ TRUNK ☐ MULTIPLE (Entire Trunk)  
☐ ARMS ☐ LEGS ☐ MULTIPLE (Upper Trunk)  
☐ MULTIPLE (Lower Trunk)

## SHOOTER

## VICTIM

NAME

NAME

ADDRESS

ADDRESS

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

DATE OF BIRTH

☐ MALE ☐ FEMALE

AGE

DATE OF BIRTH

☐ MALE ☐ FEMALE

LICENSED

☐ YES ☐ NO ☐ NOT REQUIRED ☐ UNKNOWN

LICENSED

☐ YES ☐ NO ☐ NOT REQUIRED ☐ UNKNOWN

YEARS OF HUNTING

UNDER APPARENT INFLUENCE OF INTOXICANTS

☐ YES ☐ NO ☐ UNKNOWN

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UNDER APPARENT INFLUENCE OF INTOXICANTS

☐ YES ☐ NO ☐ UNKNOWN

GRADUATE OF FORMAL HUNTER SAFETY COURSE

☐ YES ☐ NO ☐ UNKNOWN

GRADUATE OF FORMAL HUNTER SAFETY COURSE

☐ YES ☐ NO ☐ UNKNOWN

HUNTER ORANGE CLOTHING

☐ HAT ONLY ☐ NONE  
☐ HAT WITH OTHER CLOTHING ☐ UNKNOWN  
☐ OTHER CLOTHING ONLY ☐ NOT REQUIRED

HUNTER ORANGE CLOTHING

☐ HAT ONLY ☐ NONE  
☐ HAT WITH OTHER CLOTHING ☐ UNKNOWN  
☐ OTHER CLOTHING ONLY ☐ NOT REQUIRED

ANIMAL BEING HUNTED BY SHOOTER

☐ RABBIT ☐ PHEASANT ☐ MOOSE ☐ PREDATORS ☐ DEER ☐ ELK  
☐ SQUIRREL ☐ CROW ☐ QUAIL ☐ RUFFED GROUSE ☐ BEAR ☐ MOOSE  
☐ TURKEY ☐ WATERFOWL ☐ COON ☐ NON-GAME BIRD ☐ PIGEON OR DOVE

ACCIDENT OCCURRED

☐ CLOSED SEASON ☐ IN-SEASON

☐ NO CLOSED SEASON ☐ UNKNOWN

SPORTING ARM

☐ MUZZLE LOADER ☐ RIFLE ☐ HANDGUN ☐ SHOTGUN  
☐ BOW & ARROW ☐ OTHER ☐ UNKNOWN

DISTANCE OF MUZZLE TO WOUND IN YARDS

☐ 0-10 ☐ 11-50 ☐ 51-100 ☐ 101-OR MORE ☐ UNKNOWN

LAND OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC LAND ☐ PRIVATE LAND

## PRIMARY CAUSE OF CASUALTY (Check One)

## HUNTERS JUDGEMENT

☐ VICTIM MOVED IN LINE OF FIRE  
☐ VICTIM COVERED BY SHOOTER SWINGING ON GAME  
☐ VICTIM OUT OF SIGHT OF SHOOTER  
☐ VICTIM MISTAKEN FOR GAME

## SKILL AND APTITUDE

☐ SHOOTER STUMBLER AND FELL  
☐ TRIGGER CAUGHT ON AN OBJECT  
☐ LOADING FIREARM  
☐ UNLOADING FIREARM

## VIOLATING LAW OR SAFETY RULE

☐ CLUBBING GAME WITH FIREARM  
☐ LOADED FIREARM IN MOTOR VEHICLE  
☐ RUNNING WITH LOADED FIREARM/ARCHERY EQUIPMENT  
☐ HORSEPLAY WITH LOADED FIREARM  
☐ IMPROPER CROSSING OF OBSTACLES

## MISCELLANEOUS

☐ DEFECTIVE FIREARM  
☐ CARELESS HANDLING  
☐ OTHER OR UNKNOWN

CAUSE

## WEATHER AND LIGHT CONDITIONS

☐ FOG ☐ CLEAR ☐ RAIN ☐ SNOWFALL  
☐ PARTLY CLOUDY ☐ LOW LIGHT ☐ GOOD LIGHT

## VICTIM WAS IN (Two Party Accident Only)

☐ DENSE COVER ☐ OPEN FIELDS ☐ LIGHT COVER  
☐ UNKNOWN

COMPLAINT CLOSED BY

☐ ARREST ☐ OTHER

INVESTIGATOR'S SIGNATURE

DATE



**Check Appropriate Box(es)**

- ☐ Fatal  
☐ Non-Fatal



**Elevated Hunting  
Incident  
Reporting Form  
(DRAFT)**

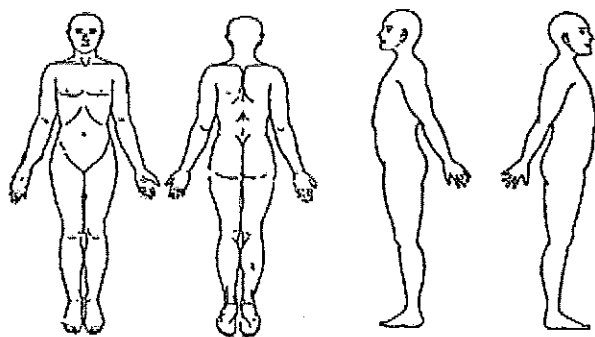
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Department Case Number:

- The International Hunter Education Association's definition is: "An occurrence or an event that results in the physical injury or death of a person or persons involuntarily while engaging in a hunting related activity from the time the person ascends and or descends from the elevated position."

<b>1. Day/Date of Incident</b> MM/DD/YYYY	<b>2. Time (Military)</b> :	<b>3. County/ Parrish</b>	<b>4. State/ Province</b>	<b>5. GPS coordinates</b> <input type="checkbox"/> UTM <input type="checkbox"/> Long/Lat
<b>6. Location</b> A. <input type="checkbox"/> Public Land B. <input type="checkbox"/> Private Land C. <input type="checkbox"/> Shooting Preserve D. <input type="checkbox"/> Leased Land			<b>Area or Landowner/Lease Information</b> Name: Address: Phone:	

<b>VICTIM INFORMATION</b>				
<b>Name (Last, First, MI)</b>		<b>License # &amp; Type</b>		<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
<b>Address (Street, Box, Rural Route)</b>		<b>City</b>		<b>Age and DOB</b> MM/DD/YYYY
		<b>State/ Prov.</b>	<b>Zip Code</b>	<b>Resident Status</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Resident <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Resident
<b>Years of Hunting Experience:</b>	<b>Graduate of Hunter/Bow Educational Course:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes - State/Prov. _____ & Year _____ <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	<b>Approximate # of Miles Incident Occurred from Victim's Residence:</b>		
<b>Victim Used Intoxicants Prior to Incident:</b> A. Alcohol <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown B. Drugs <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Illegal <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			<b>Failure to use prescribed medication?</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	



**Describe Injuries (Be Specific) - if no injuries, describe property damage and list value:**

Diagram Injuries to Victim: (Indicate locations of injuries on anatomical outlines)

<b>Injury Severity:</b> A. <input type="checkbox"/> Debilitating B. <input type="checkbox"/> Fatal C. <input type="checkbox"/> Minor D. <input type="checkbox"/> Moderate E. <input type="checkbox"/> Severe F. <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown G. <input type="checkbox"/> N/A		<b>Name of Physician:</b>	<b>Name of Medical Facility:</b>	<b>In case of death name of Coroner/ Medical Examiner:</b>
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<b>INCIDENT PROFILE</b>		
<b>Lighting:</b> A. <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown     D. <input type="checkbox"/> Dawn B. <input type="checkbox"/> Dark        E. <input type="checkbox"/> Overcast C. <input type="checkbox"/> Dusk         F. <input type="checkbox"/> Sunny	<b>Visibility:</b> A. <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent     D. <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown B. <input type="checkbox"/> Good C. <input type="checkbox"/> Poor	<b>Topography - Incident Location is:</b> A. <input type="checkbox"/> Flat B. <input type="checkbox"/> Hilly
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Fall while climbing into or out of position</b> A. <input type="checkbox"/> Safety harness not in use     D. <input type="checkbox"/> Slipped on step     G. <input type="checkbox"/> Other: B. <input type="checkbox"/> Lost balance or footing       E. <input type="checkbox"/> Step broke C. <input type="checkbox"/> Equipment failure               F. <input type="checkbox"/> Tree climbers slipped/broke		
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Fall while in stand</b> A. <input type="checkbox"/> Safety harness not in use     D. <input type="checkbox"/> Tree stand failure B. <input type="checkbox"/> Moving or repositioning       E. <input type="checkbox"/> Other: C. <input type="checkbox"/> Fell asleep		
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Tree stand failure</b> A. <input type="checkbox"/> Manufactured climbing type     (Brand/Model): B. <input type="checkbox"/> Manufactured lock on type     (Brand/Model): C. <input type="checkbox"/> Manufactured ladder type     (Brand/Model): D. <input type="checkbox"/> Manufacture tripod type     (Brand/Model): E. <input type="checkbox"/> Home made climbing type F. <input type="checkbox"/> Home made lock type G. <input type="checkbox"/> Home made permanent <div style="margin-left: 200px;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Built on tree  <input type="checkbox"/> Ladder type  <input type="checkbox"/> Materials in poor condition (type)  <input type="checkbox"/> Fastener Failure (type)  <input type="checkbox"/> Other (explain)           </div>		
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Other equipment failure</b> A. <input type="checkbox"/> Harness Failure (brand/type/condition): B. <input type="checkbox"/> Improper use of harness C. <input type="checkbox"/> Other:		
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Failure to use haul line</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Other:</b>		

<b>Witnesses other than shooter or victim</b>		
Name	Address (Street, City, State, Zip)	Phone Number
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The following items must be <b>attached</b> to this report to be considered complete: 1. Narrative (Be specific - describe how the incident happened and suspected cause). 2. Diagram of incident scene (Indicate North by arrow). 3. County map showing location of incident. 4. List of photographs taken. 5. List of items seized and where located. 6. Statements from witnesses (if applicable). 7. Copies of citations (if applicable).		
<b>Report Was Completed By</b>		
<b>Investigating Officer:</b>	<b>I.D. #:</b>	<b>Date:</b>
<b>Assisted By:</b>	<b>I.D. #:</b>	<b>Date:</b>
<b>Other Agencies Assisting in Investigation:</b>		
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<b>Date Reviewed:</b>		