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Type	Injury	Cause	County	Date	Day	Time	ShooterSex	ShooterAge	Shooter Legally Hunting	Shooter Hunter Education	Implement	Species Hunted	Description
A	Major	Victim not visible to shooter	JoDaviess	1/5	Sat	12:30 PM	M	29	Yes	Yes	Shotgun	Rabbit	The shooter and victim were part of a rabbit hunting party. The shooter was on the high side of a hill, due to thick brush he could not see the victim at the bottom of the hill. Shooter shot down the hill at a rabbit, striking the victim who was 30 yards away. Both individuals were wearing hunter orange hat and vest. Victim was hit by pellets in his chest, neck and arm area.
A	Major	Victim mistaken for game	Cumberland	1/23	Wed	8:50 PM	M	42	Yes	Yes	Rifle	Coyote	Three hunters were using rifles with thermal scopes to hunt coyotes. After shooting at a coyote the group went to look for blood. While searching for sign one hunter separated from the other two. After some time searching, the two hunters saw an image in the scope and thought it was a wounded coyote. After shooting at it they heard their partner moaning. Victim was hit just below the rib cage, in the spleen.
A	Major	Victim not visible to shooter	Jasper	11/23	Sat	10:15 AM	M	83	Yes	No	Handgun	Deer	Shooter and victim were part of deer drive hunting party. Shooter did not see the victim who was still hunting in the woods below him. The shooter shot at a running deer 5 times. The victim was hit by one of the bullets in the knee cap. Shooter and victim were wearing proper hunter orange clothing.
A	Major	Shooter shot in direction of victim	Adams	11/24	Sun	5:10 PM	M	23	Yes	Yes	Shotgun	Deer	Hunters were hunting different sides of the same field. The victim shot a deer and informed his partner he was going to check it. The shooter, who was hunting from the ground, shot and missed at a deer that crossed in front of him. Seconds later he heard his partner cry out for help. Victim was struck in the upper leg. Both hunters were wearing the proper hunter orange clothing.
A	FATAL	Victim not visible to shooter	JoDaviess	12/7	Sat	2:20 PM	Unk	Unk	Yes	Unk	Shotgun	Deer	Victim was a member of an 11 party deer drive. When deer ran in to the open multiple shots were fired. Proper hunter orange clothing was being wore. Victim was struck in the head by one of the shots.
A	Major	Shooter swinging on game	Knox	12/14	Sat	8:45 AM	M	65	Yes	No	Shotgun	Goose	Three hunters were positioned side by side in layout blinds, when geese flew in. Hunter 1 sat up and fired his shotgun, striking the victim in the hand. Victim sustained serious injuries to his hand including the removal of his ring finger.

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B	Major	Treestand not secure	Hamilton	1/2	Wed	8:28PM	M	47	Yes	Yes	Archery	Deer	While relocating a ladderstand during his hunt, the hunter was attempting to secure the top portion of the stand to the tree. The ladderstand had additional sections of ladder added to it that were not properly attached to the tree. The top portion of the stand pulled away from the tree, bending at the middle. The hunter held on as long as he could, however his safety harness system was attached to a dead limb which broke. Hunter fell from ladder, crushing his lower leg. Treestand not secure, additional sections added and Fall Arrest System not attached properly.
B	Major	Seizure / Fall	Franklin	10/3	Thur	4:30PM	M	64	Yes	No	Crossbow	Deer	Medical condition caused hunter to pass out while in his treestand. Hunter was not using a Fall Arrest System,(safety harness), and fell from treestand. Hunter suffered multiple pelvic fractures and a fractured lower back. No Fall Arrest System used.
B	Major	Fall	Fayette	10/5	Sat	3:40 PM	M	29	Yes	Yes	Bow	Deer	The hunter was using a climber style treestand. When setting the stand teeth into the tree, the holding strap came off the back stand, causing the hunter to fall back from the stand. He was wearing a Fall Arrest System, safety harness, but it was not attached to the tree.
B	Major	Fall / Slip	Logan	10/11	Fri	7:45AM	M	78	Yes	Yes	Firearm	Deer	While descending down a ladder treestand, the hunter's foot slipped causing him to lose his balance and fall. Hunter fell 10-12 feet, sustaining a broken spine, sternum, brain bleed, and contusion of the leg. It is determined that weather conditions causing a slippery condition is a contributing factor. No Fall Arrest System or Life line was being used.
B	Major	Fall	Cass	10/31	Thur	7:00AM	M	25	Yes	Yes	Bow	Deer	The hunter was using a climber style treestand. When he reached the height of 8-10 feet, the lock pin fell from the top support cable of the stand causing the top part to become loose and pull away from the tree. The hunter fell backwards with his foot still caught in the stirrup of the bottom portion of the stand. This caused the hunter to be suspended in the air by his foot. Hunter suffered a broken Tibia on his leg. Fall Arrest System was not being used.
B	Major	Fall	Coles	11/7	Thur	4:00PM	M	33	Yes	No	Bow	Deer	The hunter was sitting in his stand and decided to take a nap. A fall arrest system was not being used, hunter fell asleep and fell from his stand, 25 feet. Hunter sustained 10 fractured ribs, pelvic fractures, multiple abrasions and bruises. Fall Arrest System was not being used.
B	Major	Fall	Clinton	11/14	Thur	9:30AM	M	35	Yes	Yes	Bow	Deer	The hunter was using a climber style treestand. While descending the tree the lock pin came out of top support strap causing the stand to pull away from the tree. The hunter fell backwards, at a height of 10 feet, landing on his head. Hunter was wearing a Fall Arrest System but it was not attached to the tree.
B	Major	Fall	Cass	11/15	Fri	10:10AM	M	49	Yes	Yes	Crossbow	Deer	The hunter was sitting on his stand when he started to feel dizzy and lightheaded. Thinking he should get down from his stand, the next thing he remembers is being on the ground. Hunter sustained multiple injuries; Fractured scapula, hip, hand, and three vertebrae. No Fall Arrest System was used.
B	Major	Fall	Jefferson	11/23	Sat	4:00PM	M	48	Yes	Yes	Firearm	Deer	Hunter was using a ladder treestand that was attached to a dead tree. The tree uprooted while the hunter was sitting in the stand. The tree landed on him at ground level. Hunter sustained a fractured tibia and a crushed hip socket. Improper tree to attach a stand to.
B	Major	Fall	Marshall	12/13	Fri	12:30PM	M	58	Yes	No	Muzzle loader	Deer	Hunter was using a homemade treestand to hunt from. The hunter was preparing to get down for lunch, it is not clear how he fell from the stand. Hunter fell from a height of 9 feet, sustaining multiple injuries; punctured lung, broken ribs, cracked neck vertebrae, crushed back vertebrae, broken collar bone, and now suffers from paralysis from the chest down.

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C	Major	Missing Hunter	Clark	10/2	Wed	3:30 PM	M	66	Yes	No	Crossbow	Deer	Individual was deer hunting when he became disoriented and wandered off. He was lost for 3 days, when found he was dehydrated and had miscellaneous scrapes and bruises. Individual was described as mild dementia.
C	Deceased	Heart attack	Putman	11/6	Wed	6:05 AM	M	29	Yes	Yes	Placing Decoys	Goose	Individual suffered a heart attack while placing decoys out for the hunt.
C	Major	Stroke	Knox	11/22	Fri	9:23 PM	M	47	Yes	Yes	Firearm	Deer	After no contact and not returning back from hunting that day, family checked on him. He was found on the ground at the base of his treestand. Hunter was going in and out of consciousness and was transported to the hospital.
C	Deceased	Unknown	Franklin	11/23	Sat	9:35 AM	M	79	Yes	No	Firearm	Deer	Hunter was found deceased on his treestand.

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