

DELIBERATE RISK ASSESSMENT WORKSHEET

1. MISSION/TASK DESCRIPTION AND EXECUTION DATE(S) Area A and Area B Whitetail Deer Bow Hunting Season 2025/2026				20250901 to 20260301		2. DATE PREPARED 20250901	
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Five steps of Risk Management: (1) Identify the hazards (2) Assess the hazards (3) Develop controls & make decisions (4) Implement controls (5) Supervise and evaluate (Step numbers not equal to numbered items on form)							
4. SUBTASK / SUBSTEP OF MISSION / TASK	5. HAZARD	6. INITIAL RISK LEVEL	7. CONTROL	8. HOW TO IMPLEMENT/ WHO WILL IMPLEMENT		9. RESIDUAL RISK LEVEL	
Hunting	Cold Weather Exposure	L (IV/C)	Ensure you are trained on cold weather injury symptoms and treatment. Ensure you have appropriate cold weather equipment/clothing.	How: Hunter's responsibility Who: Hunter's responsibility		L (IV/D)	
Hunting	Slips, Trips and Falls	M (II/D)	Wear the proper footwear, deep treaded hunting boots that give you good traction and ankle support are usually your best choice.	How: Hunter's responsibility Who: Hunter's responsibility		M (II/D)	
Hunting	Inexperienced/ Untrained Hunters	H (II/C)	Make sure you are properly licensed IAW state and local laws and installation regulations and policies.	How: Hunter's responsibility Who: Hunter's responsibility		L (III/D)	
Hunting	Inexperienced/Untrained Hunters	H (II/C)	Take a hunter safety course IAW state and local laws, and installation regulations and policies. Courses are available online and are offered in person.	How: Hunter's responsibility Who: Hunter's responsibility		L (III/D)	
Hunting	Hunter Mistaken for Game	M (I/E)	Don't wear tan, brown or white clothing when hunting. These colors are associated with game species.	How: Hunter's responsibility Who: Hunter's responsibility		L (III/E)	

Hunting	Hunter Mistaken for Game	M (I/E)	Wear hunter orange IAW state and local laws or as required by installation regulations and policies. All hunters shall wear a total of at least 250 square inches of fluorescent orange on the head, chest, and back combined (e.g., orange cap and coat/vest) visible 360 degrees at all times. Camouflage fluorescent orange may satisfy the requirement if the total orange content is at least 250 square inches. A minimum of 100 square inches of fluorescent orange material (e.g., orange safety alert band) shall be displayed within 15 feet of a stand and be visible in a 360-degree arc in addition to wearing orange.	How: Hunter's responsibility	L (III/E)
				Who: Hunter's responsibility	
Hunting	Hunter Mistaken for Game	M (I/E)	Never do anything that could make someone mistake you for game, such as putting a deer over your shoulders to carry it out of the woods.	How: Hunter's responsibility	L (III/E)
				Who: Hunter's responsibility	
Hunting	Improper Weapons Handling	M (III/C)	Always keep broadheads in a covered quiver.	How: Hunter's responsibility	L (III/D)
				Who: Hunter's responsibility	
Hunting	Improper Weapons Handling	M (II/D)	Read the owner's manual and ensure you are familiar with the firing and handling characteristics of your weapon.	How: Hunter's responsibility	M (II/D)
				Who: Hunter's responsibility	
Hunting	Improper Weapons Handling	H (II/C)	Never nock an arrow until you have sighted game and are ready to shoot at game.	How: Hunter's responsibility	M (II/D)
				Who: Hunter's responsibility	
Hunting	Improper Weapons Handling	H (II/C)	Keep the weapon on safe and your finger off the trigger or do not draw back the bow until you are ready to shoot.	How: Hunter's responsibility	M (II/D)
				Who: Hunter's responsibility	
Hunting	Improper Weapons Handling	L (II/E)	Ensure that you inspect your weapon prior to each and every hunt. Do not use the weapon if it is not fully functional.	How: Hunter's responsibility	L (II/E)
				Who: Hunter's responsibility	

Hunting	Improper Weapons Handling	M (I/E)	Ensure positive identification of target and what beyond the target before shooting.	How: Hunter's responsibility	L (II/E)
				Who: Hunter's responsibility	
Hunting	Tree Stand Installation	H (I/D)	Read, understand and follow the factory recommended practices and procedures when installing commercial stands. Inspect portable stands for loose nuts and bolts each time they are used.	How: DPW O&M Branch will install stands in accordance with manufacture specifications.	M (I/E)
				Who: DPW O&M Branch	
Hunting	Tree Stand Maintenance Safety Device Inspections	H (II/C)	DPW inspects all supplied deer hunting stands prior to the hunting season to assure they are in good working condition., All straps are inspected and replaced as needed. Safety ropes are replaced each year. Safety harnesses are provided by the hunter and is the responsibility of the hunter to inspect.	How: DPW inspects and performs required maintenance as needed for all government supplied hunting stands.	L (II/E)
				Who: DPW O&M Branch	
Hunting	Tree Stands	H (I/D)	Always use a safety belt or harness when hunting from elevated tree stands. Study manufacturers recommendations before using any equipment. Never use a rope to replace a safety belt.	How: Hunter's responsibility	M (II/D)
				Who: Hunter's responsibility	
Hunting	Tree Stands	M (II/D)	Never carry equipment with you while climbing, use a haul line to raise or lower your gear.	How: Hunter's responsibility	L (IV/E)
				Who: Hunter's responsibility	
Hunting	Tree Stands	L (III/D)	Make sure weapons are unloaded and broadheads are covered prior to raising or lowering bows with a haul line.	How: Hunter's responsibility	L (IV/E)
				Who: Hunter's responsibility	
Hunting	Improper Weapons Handling - Shooting in unauthorized direction in Hunting Area 5	H (I/D)	Hunter informed of tree stand placement and shooting direction limitations	How: EMD will provide hunter instructions and map showing hunting limitations for Area 5	L (III/E)
				Who: Hunter will read, comprehend, and document their concurrence to adhere to the DRAW and LOCAL DEER HUNTING/CULLING POLICY prior to the first hunt of the season. Failure to follow ALL local policies and procedures will result in the individual losing their hunting privileges for the 2024-25 season.	

Hunting	Bites from ticks infected with Lyme Disease, Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever and other diseases	M (III/C)	Use of appropriate repellent on clothing and exposed skin	How: Hunter's responsibility Who: Hunter's responsibility	L (III/D)
Hunting	Hunter fails to follow hunting policy or regulations	EH (I/A)	Hunter will read, comprehend, and document their concurrence to adhere to the DRAW and LOCAL DEER HUNTING/CULLING POLICY prior to the first hunt of the season.	How: Hunter will document their concurrence to adhere to the DRAW and LOCAL DEER HUNTING/CULLING POLICY prior to the first hunt of the season. Failure to follow ALL local policies and procedures will result in the individual losing their hunting privileges for the remaining season Who: Hunter's responsibility	M (I/E)
Hunting	Hunter leaves field dressings in inappropriate location	M (IV/A)	Hunting policy states hunters shall field dress their harvested deer near their assigned hunting site if possible. Field dressings must be left in a wooded area away from the fence lines, running trails, and roadways visible to the public.	How: Hunter will follow policy and procedures or loose hunting privileges Who: Hunter's responsibility	L (IV/E)
Hunting	Hunter does not understand the associated risk of hunting or potential issues with CWD	H (III/A)	Hunter educates themselves using resources available from the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, hunter safety courses and information available on the internet.	How: Hunter will read, comprehend, and document their concurrence to adhere to the DRAW and LOCAL DEER HUNTING/CULLING POLICY and implement any needed research or training necessary to understand risks prior to the first hunt of the season. Who: Hunter's responsibility	L (IV/E)

10. OVERALL RESIDUAL RISK LEVEL (All controls implemented):

☐ EXTREMELY HIGH ☐ HIGH ☒ MEDIUM ☐ LOW

11. OVERALL SUPERVISION PLAN AND RECOMMENDED COURSE OF ACTION

Hunter is responsible for reviewing this DELIBERATE RISK ASSESSMENT WORKSHEET and to take all steps necessary to reduce risks to hunt safely.

12. APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL OF MISSION OR TASK
☐ Approve

☐ Disapprove

a. Name (Last, First Middle Initial)
b. Rank/Grade
c. Duty Title/Position
d. Signature of Approval Authority
e. Additional Guidance:

Risk Assessment Matrix		Probability (expected frequency)				
		Frequent: Continuous, regular, or inevitable occurrences	Likely: Several or numerous occurrences	Occasional: Sporadic or intermittent occurrences	Seldom: Infrequent occurrences	Unlikely: Possible occurrences but improbable
Severity (expected consequence)		A	B	C	D	E
Catastrophic: Mission failure, unit readiness eliminated; death, unacceptable loss or damage	I	EH	EH	H	H	M
Critical: Significantly degraded unit readiness or mission capability; severe injury, illness, loss, or damage	II	EH	H	H	M	L
Moderate: Somewhat degraded unit readiness or mission capability; minor injury, illness, loss, or damage	III	H	M	M	L	L
Negligible: Little or no impact to unit readiness or mission capability; minimal injury, loss, or damage	IV	M	L	L	L	L
Legend: EH - Extremely High Risk H - High Risk M - Medium Risk L - Low Risk						
13. RISK ASSESSMENT REVIEW (Required when assessment applies to ongoing operations or activities)						
a. Date	b. Last Name	c. Rank/Grade	d. Duty Title/Position	e. Signature of Reviewer		
14. FEEDBACK AND LESSONS LEARNED						
15. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS OR REMARKS						