PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES HUNTING PERMIT APPLICATION

Applying for a “Persons with Disabilities Hunting Permit” requires completion of an application form that includes a section for your physician or nurse practitioner to fill out. It is very important that you completely describe, in your own words, your disability in the spaces provided. This will provide us with the information on how you need to hunt. Please be sure to answer the questions about what equipment you will be using and whether or not you need to hunt from a vehicle.

Your physician or the nurse practitioner must fill out the applicable sections on pages 2 and 3 of the application form. Your physician or nurse must describe your disability in full in order for us to determine the extent of your disability. The following list includes the types of facts that we need to know.

1. Walking difficulties: Can you walk? If so, how far? Are you confined to a wheelchair? Do you need crutches or other walking devices to walk? Does your medical condition (such as heart disease) limit walking? How far? What is the cause of your walking difficulties? Is your disability permanent?

2. Upper body problem: Do you have a weight-lifting limitation prescribed by your physician? What joints are involved with movement problems? Is your condition or disability improved with medication? Is your disability permanent?

When completing the forms, please keep the following information in mind:

1. The physician’s statement of disability section on pages 2 and 3 of the application must be completed and signed by your physician or a licensed nurse practitioner. It must be legible. If it is not legible, your application will be sent back to you.
2. In addition to completing the forms, you can send any other supporting documentation that might describe your physical problems more completely.
3. The first page of the application must be filled out completely and signed by the applicant.
4. Disabled hunter permits can only be issued to those individuals who would have great difficulty or be unable to hunt without special privileges due to the result of an injury or disease, not due to the normal aging process.

Please call the Division of Fish and Wildlife at (317) 232-4102 if you have any questions.