



OHIO HUNTER INJURY INCIDENT REPORT FOR 2008

Once again, hunting in Ohio was one of the safest outdoor recreational activities in which to participate. The annual hunter injury incident report indicates that 99.99% of Ohio's hunters experienced safe and enjoyable hunting in 2008. Only 1 out of every 21,739 hunters was injured in a hunting related shooting incident. This figure does not take into account the total number of hunting hours that sportsmen spent pursuing wild game in the state. This report includes injuries caused by a hunting implement while in the act of hunting. Statistics on injuries from falls, heart attacks, hypothermia, and other risk factors are not required to be reported to a law enforcement agency and therefore are not reported here.

Total Incidents 2008 = 23

Fatal	2 = 9% of total
Non-fatal	21 = 91% of total
Self-inflicted	3 = 13% of total
Not self-inflicted	20 = 87% of total

INTENTIONAL DISCHARGE - 17

Victim covered by shooter swinging on game	8
Failure to identify target	6
Victim out of sight of shooter	2
Obstruction in barrel	1

ACCIDENTAL DISCHARGE - 6

Hammer/Trigger caught on object	3
Careless handling of firearm	2
Shooter stumbled and fell	1

Total Incidents 2007 = 30

Fatal	1 = 3% of total
Non-fatal	29 = 97% of total
Self-inflicted	14 = 47% of total
Not self-inflicted	16 = 53% of total

Type of Hunting Arm Involved

Shotgun	21
Muzzleloader	1
Rifle	1

Species Being Hunted

Deer - Gun seasons (includes youth)	11
Dove	3
Squirrel	2
Rabbit/Pheasant/Quail	2
Waterfowl	2
Spring Turkey	2
Raccoon	1

Shooter Legally Hunting

Yes	- 4 = 17% of total
No	- 19 = 83% of total

Age of Shooter

19 and under	5
20 - 29	3
30 - 39	5
40 or Over	8
Unknown	2

2008 HUNTING FATALITIES

Date	County	Self-Inflicted	Shooter's Age	Game Hunted	Implement Used	Cause
12/21	Geauga	No	45	Deer	Shotgun	Trigger caught on object.
12/21	Guernsey	No	13	Deer	Shotgun	Victim out of sight of shooter.