



OHIO HUNTER INJURY INCIDENT REPORT FOR 2006

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 2006. Only 1 out of every 16,129 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 2006 = 31

Fatal	3 = 10% of total
Non-fatal	28 = 90% of total
Self-inflicted	10 = 32% of total
Not self-inflicted	21 = 68% of total

INTENTIONAL DISCHARGE - 23

Victim out of sight of shooter	8
Victim covered by shooter swinging on game	7
Failure to identify target	5
Faulty equipment	2
Failure to check beyond target	1

ACCIDENTAL DISCHARGE - 8

Hammer/Trigger caught on object	5
Careless handling of firearm	2
Discharge firearm in vehicle	1

Total Incidents 2005 = 31

Fatal	3 = 10% of total
Non-fatal	28 = 90% of total
Self-inflicted	8 = 26% of total
Not self-inflicted	23 = 74% of total

Type of Hunting Arm Involved

Shotgun	24
Muzzleloader	3
Rifle	2
Crossbow	1
Compound Bow	1

Species Being Hunted

Deer - Gun seasons (includes youth)	9
Rabbit/Pheasant/Quail	7
Spring Turkey	5
Deer - Statewide muzzleloader	3
Deer - Archery season	2
Coyote	2
Waterfowl	1
Fall Turkey	1
Nongame birds or animals	1

Shooter Legally Hunting

Yes	- 10 = 32% of total
No	- 21 = 68% of total

Age of Shooter

19 and under	5
20 - 29	7
30 - 39	7
40 or Over	12

2006 HUNTING FATALITIES

Date	County	Self-Inflicted	Shooter's Age	Game Hunted	Implement Used	Cause
01/15	Van Wert	No	36	Coyote	Rifle	Failure to identify target.
11/12	Ashland	Yes	31	Deer	Crossbow	Trigger caught on object.
11/27	Richland	No	53	Deer	Shotgun	Failure to identify target.