



2023 Summary of Minnesota Hunting Incidents

Dated: 01/19/2024

Number of Fatalities	0
Total Number of Incidents	11

Date	Casualty	Incident Type	Animal Hunted	Shooter Age	Victim Age	Type Firearm	Contributing Factor	
1	01/07/2023	Non-Fatal	Hunting, Self-inflicted	Squirrel, Rabbit	34	34	Handgun	Trigger caught, Careless Handling
Victim was re-holstering firearm, caught trigger on holster which fired a round hitting inner left thigh.								
2	09/03/2023	Non-Fatal	Hunting	Waterfowl	12	15	Shotgun	Trigger Caught, Careless Handling
Shooter turned in stand, gun fired, striking victim's hand								
3	09/3/2023	Non-fatal	Unknown	Unknown	Unk	52	Unknown	Knowing beyond target
Victim walking in vicinity of hunters received a bruise on shoulder blade from apparent gunshot wound.								
4	09/16/2023	Non-fatal	Hunting	Squirrel	33	53	Rimfire rifle	Failure to check beyond target, Victim out of sight of shooter
Shooter was at top of hill, fired single round at a squirrel partway up a tree. Victim was hit by bullet in buttocks.								
5	10/09/2023	Non-fatal	Hunting, Self-inflicted	Grouse	54	54	Shotgun	Removing firearm from or placing in vehicle
Victim returned shotgun to its ATV mounted case and left the safety off. The trigger was accidentally pressed and discharged pellets from the round entered the victim's right foot								
6	10/22/2023	Non-fatal	Hunting	Deer	13	45	Shotgun	Accidental Discharge
Shooter shot a deer with 1 shot, as shooter was bringing weapon back into the stand, accidentally discharged another round striking victim in left knee								
7	10/28/2023	Non-fatal	Hunting, Self-inflicted	Grouse	26	26	Shotgun	Loading Firearm, Careless handling
Victim was loading firearm when it discharged and struck victims steel toed boot and foot.								
8	11/11/2023	Non-fatal	Hunting, Self-inflicted	Deer	13	13	Shotgun	Stumbled and Fell
Victim walking in from hunting, stumbled in open field and fell, weapon discharged struck their right quadricep								
9	11/14/2023	Non-fatal	Hunting, Self-inflicted	Deer	41	41	Centerfire-Rifle	Drop Firearm
Victim dropped firearm, discharged and struck left thumb and right bicep								
10	11/16/2023	Non-fatal	Hunting, Self-inflicted	Grouse	67	67	Shotgun	Unloading Firearm, Careless handling
Victim was in a rush to unload firearm and firearm fired and struck left foot; 2 toes needed to be amputated.								
11	11/18/2023	Non-fatal	Hunting	Grouse	36	42	Shotgun	Drop Firearm
Victim was struck in leg by BBs when arm sling broke and shooter dropped firearm								