2024 Summary of Minnesota Hunting Incidents

Dated: 12/31/2024

Number of Fatalities	1
Total Number of Incidents	14

	Date	Casualty	County	Incident Type	Animal Hunted	Shooter Age	Victim Age	Type Firearm	Contributing Factor
1	03/02/2024	No	Scott	Hunting	Bird	83	83	Shotgun	Stumbled and fell.
	Summary	While hunting pheasant, individual shot at bird, lost balance, fell discharging 2nd shot into their own foot.							
2	09/02/2024	No	Cottonwood	Hunting	Bird	Unknown	54	Shotgun	Shooter swinging on game.
	Summary	While hunting doves, victim covered by shooter swinging on game, victim in the line of fire.							
3	09/29/2024	No	Becker	Hunting	Duck	20	20	Shotgun	Shooter shot self.
	Summary	Messing around, hand over barrel, pulled trigger, hole through hand – fingers deformed.							
4	10/2/2024	No	Lake of the Woods	Hunting	Grouse	69	46	Shotgun	Shooter swinging on game.
	Summary	Walking out of the woods heard movement shooter hit victim in both legs.							
5	10/5/2024	No	St. Louis	Hunting	Grouse	58	58	Shotgun	Stumble and fell
	Summary	Walking through woods, stumbled & fell with finger on trigger shooting towards his party hitting him in calf muscle.							
6	10/24/2024	No	Cass	Hunting	Duck	32	32	Shotgun	Careless handling of gun.
	Summary	Attempted to grab gun by barrel, trigger stuck on gear, went shooting self in hand, forearm.							
7	10/28/2024	No	Morrison	Hunting	Duck	76,67,54	55	Shotgun	Shooting towards residence.
	Summary	3 hunters shooting towards residence, resident looked towards shooting and took a bb to the eye.							
8	11/8/2024	No	Cass	Hunting	Deer	71	71	Crossbow	unknown
	Summary	Shooter shot self in thigh, unknown why discharged.							
9	11/9/2024	No	Pine	Hunting	Deer	78	78	Rifle	Gun slipped off shoulder.
	Summary	Climbing out of stand, gun slipped off shoulder shooting self in bicep.							
10	11/9/2024	Yes	Clay	Hunting	Deer	65	34	Shotgun	Unaware beyond target.
	Summary	Shooter shooting at deer, unknown of other hunters' location.							
11	11/9/2024	No	Norman	Hunting	Deer	57	37	Shotgun	Unaware beyond target.
	Summary	Shoot shooting at deer, unknown of other hunters' location.							
12	11/11/2024	No	Goodhue	Hunting	Deer	71	71	Rifle	Unloading gun.
	Summary	Shooter attempting to clear gun, shot self in thigh.							
13	11/13/2024	No	Scott	Hunting	Deer	68	68	Kit Gun AR15	Careless handling of gun.
	Summary	Shooter had hand in front of barrel.							
14	11/27/2024	No	Pipestone	Hunting	Pheasant	49	49	Shotgun	Careless handling of gun.
	Summary	Shooter had hand over barrel, dog ran up and hit trigger.							