





2021 Summary of Minnesota Hunting Incidents Dated: 4/12/2022

Number of Fatalities1Total Number of Incidents13

				Animal	Shooter	Victim				
	Date	Casualty	Incident Type	Hunted	Age	Age	Type Firearm	Contributing Factor		
		Non-	Hunting, Self-					Firearm Jammed,		
1	12/4/2021	fatal	inflicted	Deer	47		Handgun	attempted to clear		
	Shooter/Victim handgun jammed - shooter/victim went to reload the firearm with his left index finger over the muzzle.									
	The gun went off.									

		Non-							
2	2/6/2021	Fatal	Hunting	Raccoon	26	24	Handgun	Ricochet	
Victim was shot in the foot when the shooter shot at raccoons while in the attic of an abandoned farmhouse. Victim									
was on a floor below shooter.									

ſ								Centerfire	Careless/reckless
	3	3/12/2021	Fatal	Hunting	Coyote	26	26	Rifle	handling of firearm
ſ	Victim was shot when the shooter was removing the rifle strapped to his back and the gun fired hitting the victim.								

4	5/29/2021	Non- Fatal	Hunting, Self- inflicted	Coyote	58		Handgun	Careless/reckless handling of firearm
Accidently shot himself in the knee with his .44 revolver while shooting at coyotes.								

		Non-						Failure to check		
5	09/22/2021	Fatal	Hunting	Pheasant	71	74	Shotgun	beyond target		
	Victim shot by shot gun back right side of victim due to retrieving a bird in low wooded area as shooter shooting at next									
	bird released and bird had begun to lose altitude.									

		Non-	Hunting, Self-								
6	10/9/2021	Fatal	Inflicted	Waterfowl	28		Shotgun	Other: Safety Off			
	Victim/Shooter was reloading shot gun in blind, shot gun trigger pulley by unknown object and shotgun fired. 12 ga BB										
	load hits toes of left foot.										

			Non-								
	7	10/10/2021	Fatal	Hunting	Waterfowl	38	69	Shotgun			
Γ	Victim stated ducks flew into the area and were setting above the water when victim shot as well as shooter. Shooter										
	struck victim in chest and arm with BBS										

		Non-	Hunting, Self-					Careless, Reckless	
8	10/19/2021	Fatal	Inflicted	Pheasant	23		Shotgun	handling of firearm	
	Firearm tested for misfire after the fact in a safe environment								

		Non-							
9	10/21/2021	Fatal	Hunting	Pheasant	Unk	78	Other		
	Victim was "posting" down range for a group of pheasant hunters. Victim believes she was in line of fire and neck and								

unsure of which shooter shot her direction. Victim was hit with Pellets on Left hand on left side of face

		Non-						Failure to check		
10	11/06/2021	Fatal	Hunting	Deer	15	49	Shotgun	beyond target		
	Shooter was hunting on state land he was facing Eastbound when Shooter shot a total of 3 times at deer. One of the									
	shots hit a vehicle and grazed left upper arm of victim standing near vehicle									

		Non-						Failure to check	
11	11/6/2021	Fatal	Hunting	Deer	37	35	Shotgun	beyond target	
Shooter took shot at a deer and thought he had hit it, it kept running. Shooter took 2nd shot, shooter realized victim									
was laying on ground and had been hit.									

		Non-							
12	11/7/2021	Fatal	Hunting	Deer	62	32	Shotgun	Unloading Firearm	
Hunting Public land at the "Quarries" Northwest of Louisburg. Shooter was "pumping" to unload the gun behind the									
vehicle with victim standing to the left of him and the gun discharged.									

		Non-	Hunting, Self-					Discharge Firearm
13	11/13/2021	Fatal	inflicted	Deer	19		Rimfire	from in/on a vehicle
Shooter/Victim failed to pl)t gun on safety after seeing deer during a "push". When shooter/victim noticed -								
	shooter/victim and attempted to put safety on, bumped trigger and firearm discharged wounding Shooter/victim.							