



2006 Summary of Minnesota Hunting Incidents

2/06/2007

Number of Fatalities	4
Total Number of Incidents	23

1. SHOOTER'S INFORMATION:

AGE: 45
 FIREARM: LARGE BORE RIFLE
 ACTION: BOLT
 ANIMAL: DEER
 FAS: YES
 COUNTY: AITKIN
 DAY: 11/18/2006

VICTIM'S INFORMATION:

AGE: 14
 CASUALTY: **FATAL**
 COLOR OF CLOTHING: OTHER
 DISTANCE OF MUZZLE TO WOUND: 50-100 Yards
 TYPE OF COVER: WOODED
 SELF-INFLICTED: NO
 VICTIM AND SHOOTER IN SAME PARTY: Y

Shooter was hunting from a tree stand. He heard a sound, waited, then saw what he thought was the brown of a deer and shot when he saw movement. After waiting about a minute, shot again after still seeing the brown. Victim was shot in the forehead.

2. SHOOTER'S INFORMATION:

AGE: 18
 FIREARM: LARGE BORE RIFLE
 ACTION: LEVER
 ANIMAL: DEER
 FAS: YES
 COUNTY: BECKER
 DAY: 11/12/2006

VICTIM'S INFORMATION:

AGE: 18
 CASUALTY: **FATAL**
 COLOR OF CLOTHING: OTHER
 DISTANCE OF MUZZLE TO WOUND: 0-10 Yards
 TYPE OF COVER: WOODED
 SELF-INFLICTED: YES
 VICTIM AND SHOOTER IN SAME PARTY: N

Victim/shooter was hunting by himself and was found on an ice covered slough with a close-contact wound to his head. It is unknown what actually occurred, but is believed the victim/shooter slipped on the ice and the gun discharged.

3. SHOOTER'S INFORMATION:

AGE: 48
 FIREARM: SHOTGUN SLUG
 ACTION: SEMI-AUTO
 ANIMAL: DEER
 FAS: YES
 COUNTY: MARTIN
 DAY: 11/5/2006

VICTIM'S INFORMATION:

AGE: 28
 CASUALTY: **FATAL**
 COLOR OF CLOTHING: ORANGE
 DISTANCE OF MUZZLE TO WOUND: 50-100 Yards
 TYPE OF COVER: OPEN FIELD
 SELF-INFLICTED: NO
 VICTIM AND SHOOTER IN SAME PARTY: Y

Victim was in a grove posting south of shooter. Shooter shot and hit a deer broadside. Shooter fired again hitting the victim just under the left eye. A hill on the south end of the grove made it hard for shooter to see victim.

4. SHOOTER'S INFORMATION:

AGE: 27
 FIREARM: SHOTGUN
 ACTION: UNK
 ANIMAL: DUCK OR GEESE
 FAS: YES
 COUNTY: DOUGLAS
 DAY: 10/14/2006

VICTIM'S INFORMATION:

AGE: 27
 CASUALTY: **FATAL**
 COLOR OF CLOTHING: UNK
 DISTANCE OF MUZZLE TO WOUND: 0-10 Yards
 TYPE OF COVER: MARSH
 SELF-INFLICTED: YES
 VICTIM AND SHOOTER IN SAME PARTY: Y

Victim was hunting from a boat with 2 other hunters. The hunters had just started shooting at some ducks when the victim leaned up against the hunter in the middle who turned and noticed the victim was injured in the face. Victim died 7 days later.

5. SHOOTER'S INFORMATION:

AGE: 14
 FIREARM: SHOTGUN
 ACTION: SLIDE
 ANIMAL: GROUSE
 FAS: YES
 COUNTY: BENTON
 DAY: 12/25/2006

VICTIM'S INFORMATION:

AGE: 13
 CASUALTY: NONFATAL
 COLOR OF CLOTHING: UNK
 DISTANCE OF MUZZLE TO WOUND: 10-50 Yards
 TYPE OF COVER: WOODED
 SELF-INFLICTED: NO
 VICTIM AND SHOOTER IN SAME PARTY: Y

The shooter, victim and witness were walking in a line on a creek bed area with brush. A grouse flushed and flew ahead of the group going into brush. Shooter shot at the grouse, pellets ricocheted off the brush hitting victim in face and arm.

6. SHOOTER'S INFORMATION:

AGE:
 FIREARM: SHOTGUN
 ACTION: SLIDE
 ANIMAL: GROUSE
 FAS:
 COUNTY: MORRISON
 DAY: 12/21/2006

VICTIM'S INFORMATION:

AGE: 28
 CASUALTY: NONFATAL
 COLOR OF CLOTHING: DRAB
 DISTANCE OF MUZZLE TO WOUND: 0-10 Yards
 TYPE OF COVER: WOODED
 SELF-INFLICTED: NO
 VICTIM AND SHOOTER IN SAME PARTY: Y

The victim and his hunting partner and their two dogs stopped to rest and laid their guns on the ground. The dogs were playing by the guns and one of the dogs stepped on a gun causing it to go off, striking the victim in the left leg.

7. SHOOTER'S INFORMATION:

AGE: 28
 FIREARM: MUZZLE LOADER
 ACTION: SINGLE
 ANIMAL: DEER
 FAS: YES
 COUNTY: CLAY
 DAY: 12/9/2006

VICTIM'S INFORMATION:

AGE: 37
 CASUALTY: NONFATAL
 COLOR OF CLOTHING:
 DISTANCE OF MUZZLE TO WOUND: 10-50 Yards
 TYPE OF COVER: MARSH
 SELF-INFLICTED: NO
 VICTIM AND SHOOTER IN SAME PARTY: Y

Victim was in cattails, shooter was on the west side of slough driving deer. Victim jumped a deer. The deer ran between the shooter and victim. Shooter shot at the deer, missed and hit victim in the right foot.

8. SHOOTER'S INFORMATION:

AGE: 50
 FIREARM: SHOTGUN
 ACTION: DOUBLE
 ANIMAL: PHEASANT
 FAS: NO
 COUNTY: DODGE
 DAY: 12/8/2006

VICTIM'S INFORMATION:

AGE: 50
 CASUALTY: NONFATAL
 COLOR OF CLOTHING: UNK
 DISTANCE OF MUZZLE TO WOUND: 0-10 Yards
 TYPE OF COVER: OPEN FIELD
 SELF-INFLICTED: YES
 VICTIM AND SHOOTER IN SAME PARTY: N

Victim/shooter was hunting when he stumbled and fell shooting himself in the stomach.

9. SHOOTER'S INFORMATION:

AGE: 18
 FIREARM: SMALL BORE RIFLE
 ACTION: SEMI-AUTO
 ANIMAL: RACCOON
 FAS: YES
 COUNTY: BENTON
 DAY: 12/3/2006

VICTIM'S INFORMATION:

AGE: 18
 CASUALTY: NONFATAL
 COLOR OF CLOTHING: DRAB
 DISTANCE OF MUZZLE TO WOUND: 0-10 Yards
 TYPE OF COVER: WOODED
 SELF-INFLICTED: YES
 VICTIM AND SHOOTER IN SAME PARTY: N

Victim/shooter observed a raccoon in a tree. He took a gun out of his truck and was pulling it out of the case by the trigger guard when his finger slipped. The gun went off through the case hitting victim/shooter in the leg.

10. SHOOTER'S INFORMATION:

AGE: 51
 FIREARM: MUZZLE LOADER
 ACTION: SINGLE
 ANIMAL: DEER
 FAS: YES
 COUNTY: LAC QUI PARLE
 DAY: 11/26/2006

VICTIM'S INFORMATION:

AGE: 51
 CASUALTY: NONFATAL
 COLOR OF CLOTHING:
 DISTANCE OF MUZZLE TO WOUND: 0-10 Yards
 TYPE OF COVER: WOODED
 SELF-INFLICTED: YES
 VICTIM AND SHOOTER IN SAME PARTY: Y

Victim/shooter climbed onto a log and thinks he bumped the hammer on his gun causing the hammer to drop and the gun to fire shooting him in the left hand.

11. SHOOTER'S INFORMATION:

AGE: 55
FIREARM: SHOTGUN
ACTION: SLIDE
ANIMAL: PHEASANT
FAS: NO
COUNTY: MORRISON
DAY: 11/24/2007

VICTIM'S INFORMATION:

AGE: 55
CASUALTY: NONFATAL
COLOR OF CLOTHING: UNK
DISTANCE OF MUZZLE TO WOUND: 0-10 Yards
TYPE OF COVER: STANDING
SELF-INFLICTED: YES
VICTIM AND SHOOTER IN SAME PARTY: Y

Victim/shooter was retrieving a downed bird when his shotgun discharged striking him under his right arm.

12. SHOOTER'S INFORMATION:

AGE: 17
FIREARM: LARGE BORE RIFLE
ACTION: LEVER
ANIMAL: DEER
FAS: YES
COUNTY: MILLE LACS
DAY: 11/19/2006

VICTIM'S INFORMATION:

AGE: 17
CASUALTY: NONFATAL
COLOR OF CLOTHING: OTHER
DISTANCE OF MUZZLE TO WOUND: 0-10 Yards
TYPE OF COVER: OPEN FIELD
SELF-INFLICTED: YES
VICTIM AND SHOOTER IN SAME PARTY: Y

Victim/shooter was loading his firearm and when he moved the lever back, he must have tripped the trigger causing the gun to fire into the victim/shooter's foot.

13. SHOOTER'S INFORMATION:

AGE: 48
FIREARM: SHOTGUN
ACTION: SEMI-AUTO
ANIMAL: DUCK OR GEESE
FAS: YES
COUNTY: SWIFT
DAY: 11/18/2006

VICTIM'S INFORMATION:

AGE: 48
CASUALTY: NONFATAL
COLOR OF CLOTHING: UNK
DISTANCE OF MUZZLE TO WOUND: 0-10 Yards
TYPE OF COVER: MARSH
SELF-INFLICTED: YES
VICTIM AND SHOOTER IN SAME PARTY: N

Victim/shooter was pulling a kayak onto shore of a lake after duck hunting. His loaded gun was in the kayak. His gun went off hitting him in the left leg when he dropped the boat onto the ground.

14. SHOOTER'S INFORMATION:

AGE: 51
FIREARM: LARGE BORE RIFLE
ACTION: LEVER
ANIMAL: DEER
FAS: NO
COUNTY: ITASCA
DAY: 11/15/2006

VICTIM'S INFORMATION:

AGE: 51
CASUALTY: NONFATAL
COLOR OF CLOTHING: OTHER
DISTANCE OF MUZZLE TO WOUND: 0-10 Yards
TYPE OF COVER: WOODED
SELF-INFLICTED: YES
VICTIM AND SHOOTER IN SAME PARTY: Y

Victim/shooter was hunting from a tree stand. The gun began to fall, victim/shooter attempted to grab it. The gun hit the ground and discharged injuring his right middle finger and causing minor burns to the right side of his face.

15. SHOOTER'S INFORMATION:

AGE: 47
 FIREARM: SHOTGUN SLUG
 ACTION: SLIDE
 ANIMAL: DEER
 FAS: YES
 COUNTY: WINONA
 DAY: 11/9/2006

VICTIM'S INFORMATION:

AGE: 69
 CASUALTY: NONFATAL
 COLOR OF CLOTHING: ORANGE
 DISTANCE OF MUZZLE TO WOUND: 100+ Yards
 TYPE OF COVER: WOODED
 SELF-INFLICTED: NO
 VICTIM AND SHOOTER IN SAME PARTY: Y

Victim was driving a deer toward the shooter. The shooter shot once at the deer, then again after the deer started climbing a hillside. Victim was shot in the right elbow.

16. SHOOTER'S INFORMATION:

AGE: 22
 FIREARM: SHOTGUN SLUG
 ACTION: SLIDE
 ANIMAL: DEER
 FAS: YES
 COUNTY: TODD
 DAY: 11/4/2006

VICTIM'S INFORMATION:

AGE: 57
 CASUALTY: NONFATAL
 COLOR OF CLOTHING: ORANGE
 DISTANCE OF MUZZLE TO WOUND: 100+ Yards
 TYPE OF COVER: STANDING
 SELF-INFLICTED: NO
 VICTIM AND SHOOTER IN SAME PARTY: Y

Shooter saw a deer exit from standing corn. Shooter waited for it to clear the line of sight of witness then shot not knowing that victim moved from original posting position. Victim was hit with a slug in the right ear.

17. SHOOTER'S INFORMATION:

AGE: 18
 FIREARM: SHOTGUN
 ACTION: SEMI-AUTO
 ANIMAL: PHEASANT
 FAS: YES
 COUNTY: YELLOW MEDICINE
 DAY: 10/30/2006

VICTIM'S INFORMATION:

AGE: 18
 CASUALTY: NONFATAL
 COLOR OF CLOTHING: UNK
 DISTANCE OF MUZZLE TO WOUND: 0-10 Yards
 TYPE OF COVER: OPEN FIELD
 SELF-INFLICTED: YES
 VICTIM AND SHOOTER IN SAME PARTY: Y

Victim/shooter was walking in a ditch hunting for pheasants when he slipped on a rock. The gun fired striking victim in the left foot resulting in the loss of a toe.

18. SHOOTER'S INFORMATION:

AGE: 55
 FIREARM: SHOTGUN
 ACTION: DOUBLE
 ANIMAL: PHEASANT
 FAS: YES
 COUNTY: YELLOW MEDICINE
 DAY: 10/24/2006

VICTIM'S INFORMATION:

AGE: 55
 CASUALTY: NONFATAL
 COLOR OF CLOTHING: UNK
 DISTANCE OF MUZZLE TO WOUND: 0-10 Yards
 TYPE OF COVER: OPEN FIELD
 SELF-INFLICTED: YES
 VICTIM AND SHOOTER IN SAME PARTY: Y

Victim/shooter shot at a pheasant that flew up. The barrel of the 12 gauge shotgun blew up because of a 20 gauge shell obstructing the barrel, causing serious injury to victim/shooter's left hand.

19. SHOOTER'S INFORMATION:

AGE: 53
 FIREARM: SHOTGUN
 ACTION: UNK
 ANIMAL: PHEASANT
 FAS: NO
 COUNTY: MEEKER
 DAY: 10/14/2006

VICTIM'S INFORMATION:

AGE: 63
 CASUALTY: NONFATAL
 COLOR OF CLOTHING: UNK
 DISTANCE OF MUZZLE TO WOUND: 10-50 Yards
 TYPE OF COVER: MARSH
 SELF-INFLICTED: NO
 VICTIM AND SHOOTER IN SAME PARTY: Y

The victim was hit in the right leg, right groin, and lower abdomen area when the shooter was swinging on a bird that flew up.

20. SHOOTER'S INFORMATION:

AGE: 44
 FIREARM: SHOTGUN
 ACTION: SEMI-AUTO
 ANIMAL: GROUSE
 FAS: YES
 COUNTY: ITASCA
 DAY: 10/7/2006

VICTIM'S INFORMATION:

AGE: 42
 CASUALTY: NONFATAL
 COLOR OF CLOTHING: UNK
 DISTANCE OF MUZZLE TO WOUND: 0-10 Yards
 TYPE OF COVER: WOODED
 SELF-INFLICTED: NO
 VICTIM AND SHOOTER IN SAME PARTY: Y

Shooter saw a grouse run through the brush and took a shot and missed. The grouse flew up, crossing in front of victim. Shooter fired not seeing the victim. Victim received pellets in the neck, face and upper chest area.

21. SHOOTER'S INFORMATION:

AGE: 48
 FIREARM: SHOTGUN
 ACTION: SEMI-AUTO
 ANIMAL: PHEASANT
 FAS: NO
 COUNTY: MORRISON
 DAY: 9/22/2006

VICTIM'S INFORMATION:

AGE: 45
 CASUALTY: NONFATAL
 COLOR OF CLOTHING: UNK
 DISTANCE OF MUZZLE TO WOUND: 10-50 Yards
 TYPE OF COVER: MARSH
 SELF-INFLICTED: NO
 VICTIM AND SHOOTER IN SAME PARTY: Y

Victim was 40 yards from shooter obscured behind brush when a pheasant was flushed. Shooter fired at the pheasant hitting the victim with 4 pellets in victim's left leg, left forearm and the abdomen.

22. SHOOTER'S INFORMATION:

AGE: 13
 FIREARM: SHOTGUN
 ACTION: UNK
 ANIMAL: DUCK OR GEESE
 FAS: YES
 COUNTY: OTTER TAIL
 DAY: 9/16/2006

VICTIM'S INFORMATION:

AGE: 25
 CASUALTY: NONFATAL
 COLOR OF CLOTHING: UNK
 DISTANCE OF MUZZLE TO WOUND: 10-50 Yards
 TYPE OF COVER: MARSH
 SELF-INFLICTED: YES
 VICTIM AND SHOOTER IN SAME PARTY: Y

Victim was retrieving shot ducks when another duck took off. Shooter thought victim was out of the shooting lane and shot at the duck. Several BBs struck the victim in the neck.

23. SHOOTER'S INFORMATION:

AGE: 33
 FIREARM: SHOTGUN
 ACTION: SLIDE
 ANIMAL: TURKEY
 FAS: NO
 COUNTY: WABASHA
 DAY: 4/13/2006

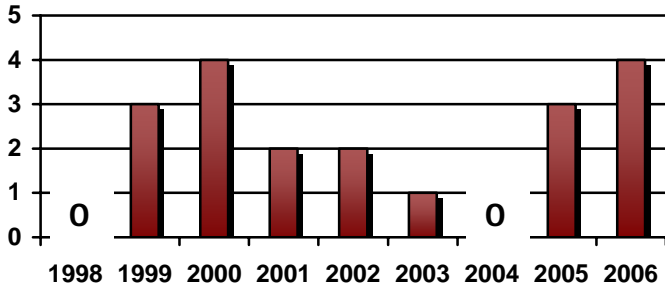
VICTIM'S INFORMATION:

AGE: 32
 CASUALTY: NONFATAL
 COLOR OF CLOTHING: UNK
 DISTANCE OF MUZZLE TO WOUND: 50-100 Yards
 TYPE OF COVER: WOODED
 SELF-INFLICTED: NO
 VICTIM AND SHOOTER IN SAME PARTY: Y

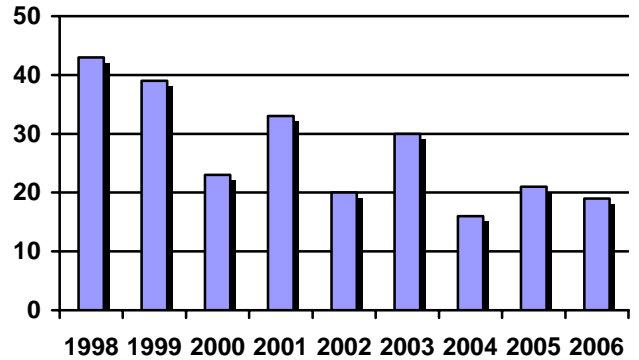
Victim and shooter were hunting approximately 80 to 90 yards apart and lost track of each other. The shooter saw a turkey and fired not knowing victim was in the line of fire. Victim was hit by pellets on the left side of his body from his head to thigh.

**Reported Fatal and Non-Fatal Hunting Incidents
 Multi Year Summary 1998 - 2006**

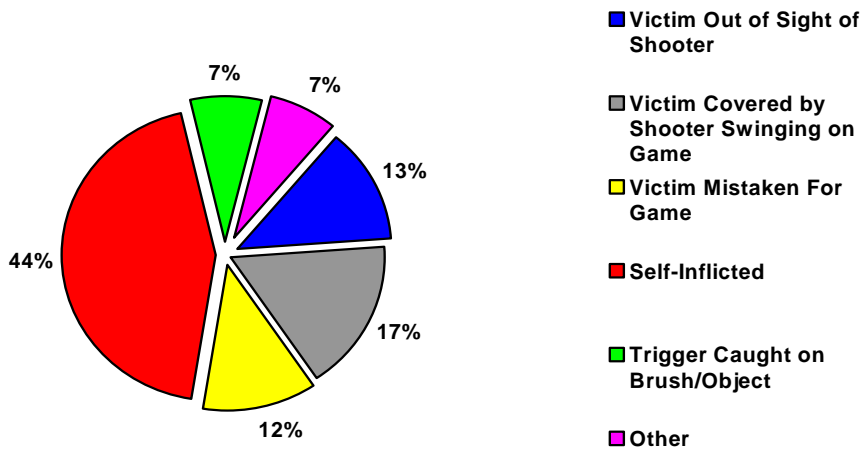
**MN DNR Multi-Year
 Fatal Incidents**



**MN DNR Multi-Year
 Non-Fatal Incidents**



**Common Type of Firearms Hunting Incidents
 5 -Year Average**



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Number of Hunting Accidents

	2 party accident	Self- inflicted	Total
FATAL	2	2	4
NONFATAL	10	9	19
	<u>12</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>23</u>

**Type of Firearm
2 Party Accidents**

	Fatal	Non-fatal	Total
LARGE BORE RIFLE	1		1
MUZZLE LOADER		1	1
SHOTGUN		6	6
SHOTGUN SLUG	1	2	3
	<u>2</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>11</u>

**Type of Firearm
Self-inflicted Accidents**

	Fatal	Non-fatal	Total
LARGE BORE RIFLE	1	2	3
MUZZLE LOADER		1	1
SHOTGUN	1	6	7
SMALL BORE RIFLE		1	1
	<u>2</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>12</u>

**Animal Hunted
2 Party Accidents**

	Fatal	Non-fatal	Total
DEER	2	3	5
GROUSE		3	3
PHEASANT		2	2
TURKEY		1	1
	<u>2</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>11</u>

**Animal Hunted
Self-inflicted Accidents**

	Fatal	Non-fatal	Total
DEER	1	3	4
DUCK OR GEESE	1	2	3
PHEASANT		4	4
RACCOON		1	1
	<u>2</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>12</u>

Contributing Factors - 2 party Accident

	Fatal	Non-fatal	Total
OTHER (DOG)		1	1
RICOCHET		1	1
VICTIM COVERED BY SHOOTER SWINGING ON GAME		4	4
VICTIM MISTAKEN FOR GAME	1		1
VICTIM MOVED IN LINE OF FIRE	1		1
VICTIM OUT OF SIGHT OF SHOOTER		4	4
	<u>2</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>12</u>

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Contributing Factors - Self-inflicted Accident

	Fatal	Non-fatal	Total
DEFECTIVE FIREARM		1	1
FIREARM FELL FROM INSECURE REST		2	2
LOADING		1	1
OTHER		2	2
REMOVING FIREARM FROM OR PLACING IN VEHICLE		1	1
SHOOTER STUMBLED AND FELL	1	1	2
TRIGGER CAUGHT ON BRUSH OR OTHER OBJECT	1	1	2
	2	9	11

Firearms Safety Training by Age of Shooter 2 Party

	No	Yes	Total
Age 10-19		1	1
Age 20-29		2	2
Age 30-39	1		1
Age 40-49	1	4	5
Age 50-59	1		1
Other (Dog)	1		1
	4	7	11

Firearms Safety Training by Age of Shooter – Self-inflicted

	No	Yes	Total
Age 10-19		5	5
Age 20-29		1	1
Age 40-49		1	1
Age 50-59	3	2	5
	3	9	12

Color of Clothing the Victim was Wearing - 2 Party Accident

	Fatal	Non-fatal	Total
Drab		1	1
Orange	2	7	9
	2	8	10

Firearms Safety by Age of Victim

	No	Yes	Total
Age 10-19		6	6
Age 20-29		4	4
Age 30-39	1	1	2
Age 40-49		3	3
Age 50-59	3	3	6
Age 60-69	2		2
	6	17	23

Type of Terrain Where Accident Happened

	Fatal	Non-fatal	Total
MARSH	1	5	6
OPEN FIELD	1	4	5
STANDING CROPS		2	2
WOODED	2	8	10
	4	19	23