





2007 Summary of Minnesota Hunting Incidents

3/31/2008

Number of Fatalities 2
Total Number of Incidents 23

1. SHOOTER'S INFORMATION:

VICTIM'S INFORMATION:

AGE: 17

FIREARM: SHOTGUN SLUG

ACTION: SLIDE

ANIMAL: DEER

FAS: YES

AGE: 60

CASUALTY: FATAL

COLOR OF CLOTHING: ORANGE

DISTANCE OF MUZZLE TO WOUND: 50-100 Yards

TYPE OF COVER: MARSH

COUNTY: GRANT SELF-INFLICTED: NO DAY: 11/3/2007 VICTIM AND SHOOTER IN SAME PARTY: YES

NARRATIVE:

Four hunters were driving a grassy filter strip south of the victim posting on the other end. A deer jumped up approximately 100 yards north of victim and two of the drivers shot at the deer. One of the shots fatally hit the victim.

2. **SHOOTER'S INFORMATION:**

VICTIM'S INFORMATION:

AGE: 28

FIREARM: LARGE BORE RIFLE

ACTION: BOLT

ANIMAL: COYOTE

FAS: YES

COUNTY: RICE

DISTANCE OF MUZZLE TO WOUND: 100+ Yards

SELF-INFLICTED: NO

DAY: 1/6/2007

VICTIM AND SHOOTER IN SAME PARTY: YES

NARRATIVE

The victim and shooter were in a hunting party running coyote. Victim was fatally shot when shooter was swinging on a coyote. Victim was over 400 yards away from shooter.

3. **SHOOTER'S INFORMATION:**

VICTIM'S INFORMATION:

AGE: 72 AGE: 72 FIREARM: SMALL BORE RIFLE CASUALTY: NONFATAL

ACTION: SEMI-AUTO COLOR OF CLOTHING: OTHER
ANIMAL: SKUNK DISTANCE OF MUZZLE TO WOUND: 0-10 Yards
FAS: NO TYPE OF COVER: UNKNOWN
COUNTY: ITASCA SELF-INFLICTED: YES

DAY: 5/15/2007 VICTIM AND SHOOTER IN SAME PARTY: NO

NARRATIVE:

Victim/shooter retrieved his rifle in an attempt to shoot a skunk. When he pulled the trigger, the weapon mis-fired. When he brought the rifle up to look in the chamber it went off striking him in the right thigh.

VICTIM'S INFORMATION:

AGE: 14 AGE: 14

FIREARM: SHOTGUN

ACTION: SEMI-AUTO

ANIMAL: DUCK OR GEESE

CASUALTY: NONFATAL

COLOR OF CLOTHING: DRAB

DISTANCE OF MUZZLE TO WOUND: 0-10 Yards

FAS: YES TYPE OF COVER: MARSH

COUNTY: MAHNOMEN SELF-INFLICTED: YES (GUN MALFUNCTION)

DAY: 9/9/2007 VICTIM AND SHOOTER IN SAME PARTY: NO

NARRATIVE:

As the victim/shooter attempted to fire his shotgun at a goose, the barrel exploded apart and he was struck in the right arm with shrapnel.

5. **SHOOTER'S INFORMATION:**

VICTIM'S INFORMATION:

AGE: 16 AGE: 16

FIREARM: SHOTGUN

ACTION: SEMI-AUTO

ANIMAL: DUCK OR GEESE

FAS: YES

COUNTY: ST. LOUIS

CASUALTY: NONFATAL

COLOR OF CLOTHING: DRAB

DISTANCE OF MUZZLE TO WOUND: 10-50 Yards

TYPE OF COVER: MARSH

SELF-INFLICTED: NO

DAY: 9/11/2007 VICTIM AND SHOOTER IN SAME PARTY: YES

NARRATIVE:

Victim flushed some geese off a pond and was moving toward his party without them knowing. Victim's friends shot at the flushed geese. Victim was hit in the back and face by pellets possibly skipping off the water as the geese landed back on the pond.

6. **SHOOTER'S INFORMATION:**

VICTIM'S INFORMATION:

AGE: (DOG) AGE: 30

FIREARM: SHOTGUN

ACTION: UNKNOWN

ANIMAL: GROUSE

FAS: NO

COLOR OF CLOTHING: DRAB

DISTANCE OF MUZZLE TO WOUND: 0-10 Yards

TYPE OF COVER: WOODED

COUNTY: MILLE LACS

SELF-INFLICTED: NO

DAY: 9/15/2007 VICTIM AND SHOOTER IN SAME PARTY: YES

NARRATIVE:

Victim set his gun on the ground to remove a grouse from his dog's mouth. The grouse was alive. Victim shook it to wring its neck. The dog got excited, jumped at the grouse and jumped on the gun. The gun fired. Several bbs hit victim's knee area.

7. **SHOOTER'S INFORMATION:**

VICTIM'S INFORMATION:

AGE: AGE: 17

FIREARM: UNKNOWN CASUALTY: NONFATAL ACTION: UNKNOWN COLOR OF CLOTHING: ORANGE ANIMAL: GROUSE DISTANCE OF MUZZLE TO WOUND: UNKNOWN

FAS: UNKNOWN TYPE OF COVER: WOODED

COUNTY: ST. LOUIS SELF-INFLICTED: NO DAY: 9/16/2007 VICTIM AND SHOOTER IN SAME PARTY: NO

NARRATIVE:

Victim was hit by pellets in the neck, shoulder, left arm and rib cage. Victim was in the woods in thick brush. Victim didn't see anyone else in the area.

VICTIM'S INFORMATION:

AGE: 11 AGE: 56

FIREARM: SMALL BORE RIFLE CASUALTY: NONFATAL ACTION: SINGLE COLOR OF CLOTHING: DRAB ANIMAL: SQUIRREL DISTANCE OF MUZZLE TO WOUND: 10-50 Yards FAS: NO TYPE OF COVER: WOODED

COUNTY: ST. LOUIS SELF-INFLICTED: NO

DAY: 9/29/2007 VICTIM AND SHOOTER IN SAME PARTY: NO

NARRATIVE:

Shooter was shooting at squirrels in the direction of a highway. One of the shots fired ricocheted from a branch breaking and entering a window on the passenger side of a passing semi truck. Shrapnel from the bullet lodged in the driver's left arm.

9. SHOOTER'S INFORMATION:

VICTIM'S INFORMATION:

AGE: (DOG) AGE: 59

FIREARM: SHOTGUN

ACTION: SEMI-AUTO

ANIMAL: DUCK OR GEESE

FAS: NO

COLOR OF CLOTHING: CAMO

DISTANCE OF MUZZLE TO WOUND: 0-10 Yards

TYPE OF COVER: MARSH

COUNTY: BELTRAMI

SELF-INFLICTED: NO

DAY: 9/30/2007 VICTIM AND SHOOTER IN SAME PARTY: YES

NARRATIVE:

Victim was attempting to pull his canoe to stable ground where he could unload hunting equipment including a shotgun. The victim's dog stepped on the shotgun causing it to discharge, shooting victim in the upper right thigh.

10. SHOOTER'S INFORMATION:

VICTIM'S INFORMATION:

AGE: 27 AGE: 25

FIREARM: SHOTGUN

ACTION: UNKNOWN

COLOR OF CLOTHING: CAMO

ANIMAL: DUCK OR GEESE

FAS: YES

COUNTY: DAKOTA

CASUALTY: NONFATAL

COLOR OF CLOTHING: CAMO

DISTANCE OF MUZZLE TO WOUND: 100+ Yards

TYPE OF COVER: MARSH

SELF-INFLICTED: NO

DAY: 10/6/2007 VICTIM AND SHOOTER IN SAME PARTY: NO

NARRATIVE:

Shooter shot at a duck coming from the east side of a pond and hit the victim who was on the south side of the pond. The victim received one pellet in his left ear which fell out and one pellet in the chin which was removed at a hospital.

11. SHOOTER'S INFORMATION:

VICTIM'S INFORMATION:

AGE: 36 AGE: 66

FIREARM: LARGE BORE RIFLE CASUALTY: NONFATAL
ACTION: BOLT COLOR OF CLOTHING: ORANGE CAMO
ANIMAL: DEER DISTANCE OF MUZZLE TO WOUND: 100+ Yards
FAS: YES TYPE OF COVER: WOODED

COUNTY: BELTRAMI SELF-INFLICTED: NO

DAY: 10/9/2007 VICTIM AND SHOOTER IN SAME PARTY:

NARRATIVE:

Shooter shot several times at some deer south/southwest of victim who was deer hunting from a ladder stand. He heard several shots to the west/northwest. After that he felt pain in his left shoulder and his back.

VICTIM'S INFORMATION:

AGE: 20 AGE: 29

FIREARM: SHOTGUN CASUALTY: NONFATAL ACTION: SEMI-AUTO COLOR OF CLOTHING: CAMO ANIMAL: SQUIRREL DISTANCE OF MUZZLE TO WOUND: 10-50 Yards FAS: YES TYPE OF COVER: WOODED

COUNTY: WASHINGTON SELF-INFLICTED: NO DAY: 10/25/2007 VICTIM AND SHOOTER IN SAME PARTY: NO

NARRATIVE:

Shooter saw some gray stuff moving along the ground in the woods and thought it was a squirrel and shot a round at it hitting the victim who was lying under a tree in camouflage bow hunting. Victim was shot in the head.

13. SHOOTER'S INFORMATION:

VICTIM'S INFORMATION:

AGE: 60 AGE: 60

FIREARM: HANDGUN

ACTION: SEMI-AUTO

ANIMAL: RACCOON

FAS: YES

COUNTY: GRANT

CASUALTY: NONFATAL

COLOR OF CLOTHING: RED

DISTANCE OF MUZZLE TO WOUND: 0-10 Yards

TYPE OF COVER: OTHER

SELF-INFLICTED: YES

DAY: 11/1/2007 VICTIM AND SHOOTER IN SAME PARTY:

NARRATIVE:

Victim/shooter had just shot a raccoon in a trap with a 22 semi-automatic pistol. As he was re-holstering the firearm, it went off and he shot himself in the upper right thigh.

14. SHOOTER'S INFORMATION:

VICTIM'S INFORMATION:

AGE: 15 AGE: 62

FIREARM: LARGE BORE RIFLE

ACTION: BOLT

ANIMAL: DEER

FAS: YES

COLOR OF CLOTHING: ORANGE

DISTANCE OF MUZZLE TO WOUND: 0-10 Yards

TYPE OF COVER: WOODED

SELF-INFLICTED: NO

DAY: 11/4/2007 VICTIM AND SHOOTER IN SAME PARTY: YES

NARRATIVE:

Shooter was unloading his firearm when it went off hitting the victim and fracturing his hip and pelvis.

15. SHOOTER'S INFORMATION:

VICTIM'S INFORMATION:

AGE: 28 AGE: 26

FIREARM: SHOTGUN SLUG

ACTION: UNKNOWN

ANIMAL: DEER

FAS: YES

CASUALTY: NONFATAL

COLOR OF CLOTHING: ORANGE

DISTANCE OF MUZZLE TO WOUND: 50-100 Yards

TYPE OF COVER: WOODED

COUNTY: BROWN SELF-INFLICTED: NO DAY: 11/4/2007 VICTIM AND SHOOTER IN SAME PARTY: YES

NARRATIVE:

Victim was shot in the left arm when the shooter who was doing a deer drive party on the other side of the victim shot at a deer.

VICTIM'S INFORMATION:

AGE: 51 AGE: 53

FIREARM: SHOTGUN SLUG

ACTION: SEMI-AUTO

COLOR OF CLOTHING: ORANGE

ANIMAL: DEER

FAS: YES

DISTANCE OF MUZZLE TO WOUND: 100+ Yards

TYPE OF COVER: OTHER

COUNTY: NOBLES SELF-INFLICTED: NO DAY: 11/4/2007 VICTIM AND SHOOTER IN SAME PARTY: YES

NARRATIVE:

Shooter was walking on the north side of a tree line going west and the victim was posted where there was a slight rise to the west. Shooter shot at a deer as it ran north, then west. Victim was hit by a slug in the lower left leg breaking both bones.

17. SHOOTER'S INFORMATION:

VICTIM'S INFORMATION:

AGE: 32 AGE: 32

FIREARM: SHOTGUN

ACTION: DOUBLE

ANIMAL: COYOTE

FAS: YES

COUNTY: TRAVERSE

CASUALTY: NONFATAL

COLOR OF CLOTHING: ORANGE

DISTANCE OF MUZZLE TO WOUND: 0-10 Yards

TYPE OF COVER: OTHER

SELF-INFLICTED: YES

DAY: 11/5/2007 VICTIM AND SHOOTER IN SAME PARTY: NO

NARRATIVE:

Victim/shooter was spooked by a flushed rabbit when approaching the area where he thought there was a coyote. When he raised his arms up and down a cornstalk, it bumped his fingers in a way that took off the safety and the firearm discharged into his right foot.

18. SHOOTER'S INFORMATION:

VICTIM'S INFORMATION:

AGE: 56 AGE: 14

FIREARM: LARGE BORE RIFLE CASUALTY: NONFATAL ACTION: BOLT COLOR OF CLOTHING: ORANGE ANIMAL: DEER DISTANCE OF MUZZLE TO WOUND: 0-10 Yards FAS: YES TYPE OF COVER: OPEN FIELD

COUNTY: OTTER TAIL SELF-INFLICTED: YES
DAY: 11/10/2007 VICTIM AND SHOOTER IN SAME PARTY: YES

NARRATIVE:

Victim/shooter was unloading his bolt-action rifle using the bolt when the rifle discharged forcing the bolt to rear. A portion of the spent bullet casing or the concussion of the discharge caused an inch cut in his left hand.

19. SHOOTER'S INFORMATION:

VICTIM'S INFORMATION:

AGE: 13 AGE: 13

FIREARM: LARGE BORE RIFLE CASUALTY: NONFATAL ACTION: BOLT COLOR OF CLOTHING: ORANGE ANIMAL: DEER DISTANCE OF MUZZLE TO WOUND: 0-10 Yards FAS: NO TYPE OF COVER: WOODED COUNTY: KANABEC SELF-INFLICTED: YES

DAY: 11/11/2007 VICTIM AND SHOOTER IN SAME PARTY: YES

NARRATIVE:

Victim/shooter put his rifle barrel on his toe to unload it and the gun went off discharging a round through his big toe.

VICTIM'S INFORMATION:

AGE: 37 AGE: 33

FIREARM: SHOTGUN SLUG

ACTION: SLIDE

ANIMAL: DEER

FAS: YES

CASUALTY: NONFATAL

COLOR OF CLOTHING: ORANGE

DISTANCE OF MUZZLE TO WOUND: 50-100 Yards

TYPE OF COVER: WOODED

COUNTY: SWIFT SELF-INFLICTED: NO DAY: 11/12/2007 VICTIM AND SHOOTER IN SAME PARTY: YES

NARRATIVE:

Victim was shot when the shooter shot at a deer running toward him not seeing the victim behind trees and shrubs. Victim received a shotgun slug wound in the right leg 4 to 5 inches below the kneecap.

21. SHOOTER'S INFORMATION:

VICTIM'S INFORMATION:

AGE: 25 AGE: 50

FIREARM: SHOTGUN

ACTION: DOUBLE

ANIMAL: PHEASANT

FAS: YES

CASUALTY: NONFATAL

COLOR OF CLOTHING: ORANGE

DISTANCE OF MUZZLE TO WOUND: 0-10 Yards

TYPE OF COVER: OPEN FIELD

COUNTY: YELLOW SELF-INFLICTED: NO DAY: 11/14/2007 VICTIM AND SHOOTER IN SAME PARTY: YES

NARRATIVE:

Victim and shooter were crossing a drainage ditch. Shooter crossed first then handed the victim the guns. As victim handed back the shooter's gun, it went off into victim's right arm.

22. SHOOTER'S INFORMATION:

VICTIM'S INFORMATION:

AGE: (DOG) AGE: 37

FIREARM: SHOTGUN

ACTION: SLIDE

ANIMAL: PHEASANT

FAS: NO

CASUALTY: NONFATAL

COLOR OF CLOTHING: ORANGE

DISTANCE OF MUZZLE TO WOUND: 0-10 Yards

TYPE OF COVER: OPEN FIELD

COUNTY: NOBLES SELF-INFLICTED: NO DAY: 11/22/2007 VICTIM AND SHOOTER IN SAME PARTY: YES

NARRATIVE:

Victim put his gun down on the ground and his dog stepped on the trigger causing the gun to go off.

23. SHOOTER'S INFORMATION:

VICTIM'S INFORMATION:

AGE: 28 AGE: 28

FIREARM: MUZZLE LOADER CASUALTY: NONFATAL ACTION: BOLT COLOR OF CLOTHING: ORANGE CAMO

ANIMAL: DEER DISTANCE OF MUZZLE TO WOUND: 0-10 Yards
FAS: YES TYPE OF COVER: WOODED
COUNTY: HOUSTON SELF-INFLICTED: YES

DAY: 11/25/2007 VICTIM AND SHOOTER IN SAME PARTY: Y

NARRATIVE:

Victim/shooter had just shot a deer. During the excitement, he loaded the muzzleloader the wrong way. As he was packing the barrel end with the rod, the gun fired causing injuries to his hand, face and eyes.

VICTIM'S INFORMATION:

AGE: 69 AGE: 69

FIREARM: MUZZLE LOADER CASUALTY: NONFATAL ACTION: SINGLE COLOR OF CLOTHING: ORANGE-CAMO

ANIMAL: DEER DISTANCE OF MUZZLE TO WOUND: 0-10 Yards
FAS: YES TYPE OF COVER: WOODED
COUNTY: FREEBORN SELF-INFLICTED: YES

DAY: 12/7/2007 VICTIM AND SHOOTER IN SAME PARTY: N

NARRATIVE:

As victim/shooter was exiting free-standing deer stand, the hammer caught on a stair rung or stand pulling it back far enough and slipping off causing the gun to discharge. Victim/Shooter had a gunshot wound to his right arm-pit area.

25. SHOOTER'S INFORMATION:

VICTIM'S INFORMATION:

AGE: 54 AGE: 62

FIREARM: SHOTGUN

ACTION: SEMI-AUTO

ANIMAL: PHEASANT

FAS: YES

CASUALTY: NONFATAL

COLOR OF CLOTHING: ORANGE

DISTANCE OF MUZZLE TO WOUND: 10-50 Yards

TYPE OF COVER: OPEN FIELD

COUNTY: WINONA SELF-INFLICTED: NO DAY: 12/30/2007 VICTIM AND SHOOTER IN SAME PARTY: YES

NARRATIVE:

Shooter swung shotgun to shoot at a pheasant that flew up at her feet not realizing that the victim was standing in the line of fire. Victim was hit with pellets in his chest, arm, leg, and hand.

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2007 Firearms Hunting Incident Report

Date of Run 5/8/2008

Number of Hunting Accidents

	2 party accident	Self-inflict	ed Total
FATAL	2		2
NONFATAL	<u>15</u>	8	23
	17	8	25

Animal Hunted	Animal Hunted
2 Party Accidents	Animal Hunted
- -	Self-inflicted Accidents

	Fatal	Non-fata	I Total		Fatal	Non-fatal	Total
COYOTE	1		1	DEER		4	4
DEER	1	5	6	DUCK OR GEESE		1	1
DUCK OR GEESE		3	3	OTHER		1	1
GROUSE		2	2	RACCOON		1	1
PHEASANT		3	3	SKUNK _		1	<u>1</u>
SQUIRREL		2	2	_			
-	•					8	8
	2	15	17				

Contributing Factors - 2 party Accident

	Fatal	Non-fatal	Total
CROSS FENCE/OBSTACLE WITH LOADED FIREARM		1	1
OTHER		2	2
RICOCHET		1	1
TRIGGER CAUGHT ON BRUSH OR OTHER OBJECT		1	1
UNLOADING		1	1
VICTIM COVERED BY SHOOTER SWINGING ON GAME	1	1	2
VICTIM MISTAKEN FOR GAME		1	1
VICTIM OUT OF SIGHT OF SHOOTER	<u>1</u>	7	8
	2	15	17

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Contributing Factors - Self-inflicted Accident

	Fatal	Non-fatal	Total
DEFECTIVE FIREARM		1	1
LOADING		1	1
OTHER		3	3
TRIGGER CAUGHT ON BRUSH OR OTHER OBJECT		2	2
UNLOADING _		1	<u> </u>
		8	8

Firearm Safety Training by Age of Shooter - 2 Party

		No	Yes	Total
Age	10-19	1	3	4
Age	20-29		5	5
Age	30-39		2	2
Age	50-59		2	2
_		1	12	13

Firearm Safety Training by Age of Shooter - Self-inflicted

		No	Yes	Total
Age	10-19	1	1	2
Age	20-29		1	1
Age	30-39		1	1
Age	50-59		1	1
Age	60-69		2	2
Age	70-79	1		1
		2	6	8

Color of Clothing the Victim was Wearing - 2 Party Accident

	Fatal	Non-fatal	Total
CAMO		1	1
DRAB ORANGE		2 7	2 7
ORANGE CAMO	1	2	3
OTHER	<u>1</u>	3	4
	2	15	17

Age of Victim

Firearm Safe	ty Training	No	Yes	Total
Age	10-19	1	4	5
Age	20-29		5	5
Age	30-39		4	4
Age	50-59	1	3	4
Age	60-69	4	2	6
Age	70-79	1		<u>1</u>
_		7	18	25

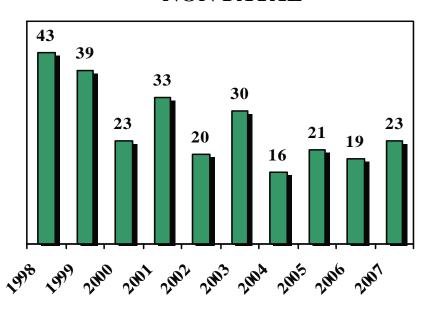
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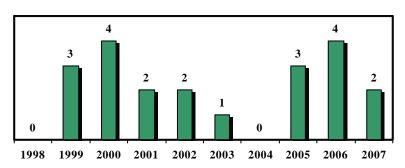
Type of Terrain Where Accident Happened

	Fatal	Non-fatal	Total
MARSH	1	4	5
OPEN FIELD		4	4
OTHER		3	3
UNKNOWN		1	1
WOODED	<u>1</u>	11	12
	2	23	25

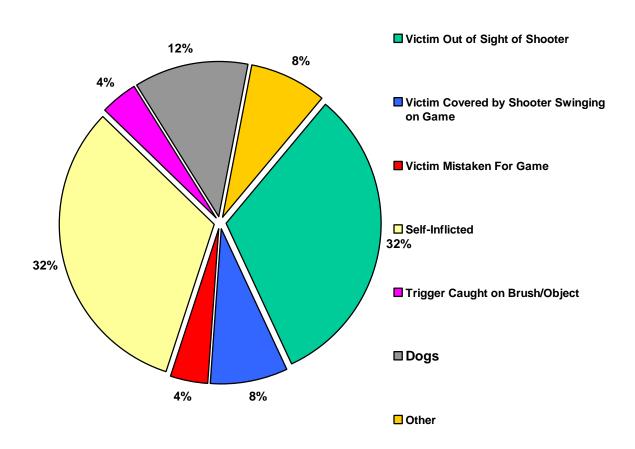
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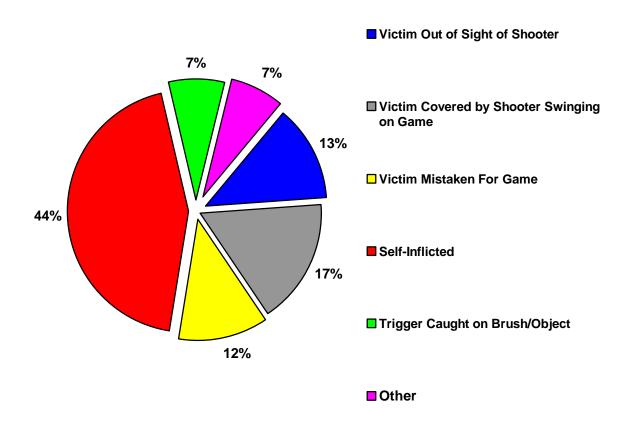
FATAL



2007 Most Common Types of Firearms Hunting Accidents



Most Common Types of Firearms Hunting Accidents



MN 5-Year Average