



## 2010 Summary of Minnesota Hunting Incidents

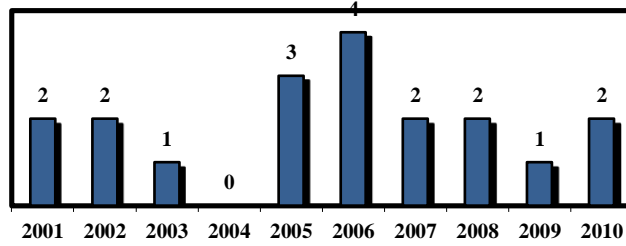
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<b>Number of Fatalities</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Total Number of Incidents</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>Self-inflicted</b>	<b>9</b>

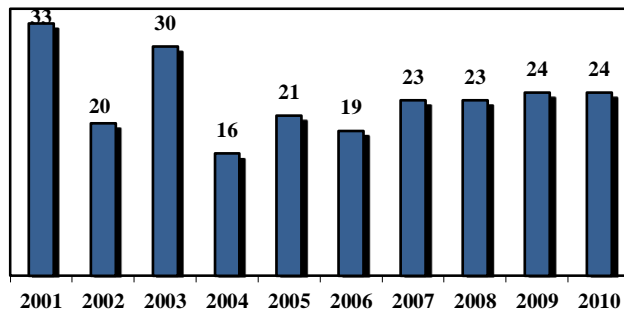
Date	Animal Hunted	Casualty Type	Self-inflicted	Type of Firearm	Firearms Safety Shooter Age	Firearms Safety Victim Age	Yes or No Cause
1. 2010-08-25	Gopher	Nonfatal	Yes	Handgun	10 N		Careless handling of a firearm While gopher hunting the shooter pulled back the hammer on a pistol when his thumb slipped off the hammer causing the pistol to discharge striking his right toe.
2. 2010-09-12	Goose	Nonfatal	No	Shotgun	16 Y	14 Y	Careless handling of a firearm Shooter fired a shotgun bird round and a pellet bounced off the ground and struck the victim in the left side of his neck.
3. 2010-09-18	Grouse	Nonfatal	No	Shotgun	15 Y	39 Y	Careless handling of a firearm Shooter's finger accidentally pulled the trigger while walking.
4. 2010-09-25	Squirrel	Nonfatal	No	Shotgun	21 Y	21 Y	Failure to check beyond target Shooter shot at a squirrel when victim was ahead of shooter approximately 15 yards. Pellets ricocheted off a tree and struck victim in cheek, ribs, and shoulder area.
5. 2010-10-02	Turkey	Nonfatal	No	Shotgun	14 Y	49 Y	Failure to check beyond target Victim was walking around a pond on federal property attempting to push turkeys toward a member of his hunting party. Shooter was posted and shot at what he thought was a turkey only to find he had shot the victim in his hunting party.
6. 2010-10-02	Duck	Nonfatal	No	Shotgun	32 Y	52 Y	Failure to check beyond target Shooter and victim were hunting ducks in a federal waterfowl production area when the victim had moved hunting locations without the shooter knowing. Ducks passed between the hunters and the victim was struck with 5-6 pellets in the ear, chest and right leg.
7. 2010-10-07	Pheasant	Nonfatal	No	Shotgun	50 Y	Unknown	Failure to check beyond target Victim was standing as a blocker while four other hunters were driving a sorghum field. A pheasant flushed and four hunters fired at the bird. The victim was in the line of fire and suffered five pellets to the face, a finger, abdomen, and groin area.
8. 2010-10-11	Grouse	Nonfatal	No	Shotgun	67 N	65 N	Failure to identify target Shooter swinging on game and was unable to see victim in the line of fire.
9. 2010-10-16	Pheasant	<b>Fatal</b>	Yes	Shotgun	68 N		Shooter stumbled and fell Victim/shooter stumbled and fell while walking through wooded terrain causing his firearm to discharge a shot into his abdomen.
10. 2010-10-16	Grouse	Nonfatal	No	Shotgun	64 N	56 Y	Shooter swinging on game Two were hunting grouse in a wooded area. Shooter fired a single shot as the grouse attempted to fly. Victim yelled that he had been hit. Approximately 8 BB's wounded the victim.
11. 2010-10-16	Pheasant	Nonfatal	No	Shotgun	40 Y	13 Y	Victim out of sight of shooter Four hunters were hunting pheasants as a farmer was combining a corn field. Hunters were posted at end of the corn field, shooter shot at a pheasant as it flew up and did not see victim in the path of the shot.
12. 2010-10-23	Grouse	Nonfatal	No	Shotgun	49 Y	48 Y	Shooter swinging on game Hunting in heavily wooded causing hunters to lose sight of each other. The shooter shot at a bird that flushed between them striking the victim in the face and left hand.
13. 2010-10-24	Pheasant	Nonfatal	No	Shotgun	Unknown	18 Y	Victim out of sight of shooter Victim was shot in the face, right hand, and belly with bbs while hunting pheasants pushing a corn field with 13 other hunters. Shots were fired multiple times by multiple hunters. None of the hunters are sure who shot the victim.

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14. 2010-10-27	Grouse	Nonfatal	Yes	Shotgun	41 Y		Careless handling of firearm Victim was loading his shotgun and due to the rain the shotgun was wet. When he put a shell into the chamber the gun slipped and fired striking him in the lower leg and left foot.
15. 2010-10-30	Duck	Nonfatal	Yes	Shotgun	81 N		Careless handling of firearm While re-loading a firearm in preparation of a flock of ducks coming, the firearm discharged and shot the victim in the left foot.
16. 2010-11-06	Deer	Nonfatal	No	Shotgun	51 Y	16 Y	Careless handling of firearm Father was loading firearm behind pickup truck. When he pushed the slide closed the firearm discharged. The slug went through the pickup bed and passenger seat back striking the victim in the middle back under the shoulder blade.
17. 2010-11-06	Deer	Nonfatal	Yes	Rifle	16 Y		Careless handling of firearm Shooter was resting 30-06 rifle on his boot when he heard a deer coming. Shooter grabbed for his rifle when it discharged injuring his left foot.
18. 2010-11-06	Deer	Nonfatal	Yes	Shotgun	52 Y		Careless handling of firearm Victim was sitting in CRP field, got up, stumbled backwards when he put his shotgun down with his right hand over the end of the barrel. Gun discharged striking his right palm area. Shot went through hand. The injury was not life-threatening.
19. 2010-11-06	Deer	Nonfatal	No	Shotgun	42 Y	34 N	Failure to check beyond target Victim was in her residence when a stray bullet from a nearby hunter entered her home and struck her in the shoulder.
20. 2010-11-07	Deer	Nonfatal	No	Shotgun	33 Y	59 N	Failure to check beyond target Victim was standing in tree stand while other 5 hunters were driving the woods for deer. Shooter shot at a doe not realizing the victim was in the line of shot grazing the right side of the victim's head.
21. 2010-11-11	Deer	Nonfatal	Yes	Shotgun	16 Y		Careless handling of firearm Victim was resting shotgun barrel on his right boot. The gun discharged and slug bullet went through his right boot liner, and middle toe.
22. 2010-11-13	Deer	Nonfatal	No	Shotgun	41 N	14 Y	Victim moved into line of fire Victim was trying to drive deer out of willow thicket toward the shooter. The victim was shot in the upper left leg when the shooter fired a round at the deer.
23. 2010-11-14	Deer	<b>Fatal</b>	Yes	Rifle	38 N		Careless handling of firearm Victim/shooter was walking through a heavily wooded area with thick underbrush toward a deer he had shot. He either caught the trigger on a branch or dropped it causing it to discharge. Under investigation.
24. 2010-11-17	Pheasant	Nonfatal	No	Shotgun	42 N	68 N	Failure to check beyond target Shooter swinging to the right covered victim as he shot at a pheasant.
25. 2010-12-04	Deer	Nonfatal	Yes	Muzzleloader	29 N		Careless handling of firearm Shooter/victim was sitting on a swivel seat with a muzzleloader on her lap. She turned to look for a deer and the gun fell down. She grabbed the gun by the end of the barrel with her left hand and it went off shooting her in the left hand.
26. 2010-12-25	Grouse	Nonfatal	No	Shotgun	15 N	25 Y	Victim covered by shooter swinging on game Victim and shooter were walking through the woods when the shooter swung his firearm to the right and fired at a grouse striking the victim with several bbs in the head and face.

### FATAL



### NON-FATAL



### Most Common Causes of Firearms Hunting Incidents 2010

