



2010 Summary of Minnesota Hunting Incidents

8/12/2013

Number of Fatalities 2

Total Number of Incidents 26

Date	Animal Hunted	Casualty	Self-inflicted	Type of Firearm	Firearms Safety		Cause
					Shooter Age	Victim Age	
1. 8-25-10	Gopher	Nonfatal	Yes	Handgun	10 N		Thumb slipped off hammer
Summary: Victim/shooter pulled back on hammer; thumb slipped shooting himself in foot.							
2. 9-12-10	Goose	Nonfatal	No	Shotgun	16 Y	14 N	Shooter stumbled & fell
Summary: Victim shot in neck from pellet bouncing off ground.							
3. 9-18-10	Grouse	Nonfatal	No	Shotgun	15 Y	39 Y	Accidentally pulled trigger while walking
Summary: Shooter and victim grouse hunting and shooter accidentally pulled trigger while walking field road causing gunshot wound to victim's lower calf.							
4. 9-25-10	Squirrel	Nonfatal	No	Shotgun	21 Y	21 Y	Failure to check beyond target
Summary: Victim ahead of shooter in thick brush. Shooter shot at squirrel and shot ricocheted off tree striking victim in cheek, rib and shoulder.							
5. 10-2-10	Turkey	Nonfatal	No	Shotgun	14 Y	49 Y	Failure to identify target
Summary: Victim in brushy fence line and woods. Shooter fired a shot at turkey hitting victim in face, neck, upper chest, arm and hand.							
6. 10-2-10	Waterfowl	Nonfatal	No	Shotgun	32 Y	52 Y	Victim moved in line of fire
Summary: Victim moved locations without telling shooter. Shooter shot at duck between the two striking victim in leg, ear and upper chest.							
7. 10-7-10	Pheasant	Nonfatal	No	Shotgun	Unk	50 Y	Victim in line of fire
Summary: Victim standing as blocker while party was driving out birds. All hunters fired at a bird resulting in the victim being hit with 5 pellets.							
8. 10-11-10	Grouse	Nonfatal	No	Shotgun	67 N	65 N	Victim in line of fire
Summary: Shooter and victim in wooded area. Victim in line of fire and covered by shooter swinging on game. Victim received approximately 14 pellets under skin from head to knee.							

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9. 10-16-10	Pheasant	Nonfatal	No	Shotgun	40 Y	13 Y	Victim out of sight of shooter
Summary: Shooter and victim in corn field, shooter could not see location of victim, shot at pheasant hitting victim.							
10. 10-16-10	Grouse	Nonfatal	No	Shotgun	64 N	56 Y	Victim out of sight of shooter
Summary: Shooter and victim walking down trail checking for deer stands spotting a grouse. Shooter fired a single shot hitting victim with 8 pellets.							
11. 10-16-10	Pheasant	FATAL	Yes	Shotgun	68 N		Shooter stumbled and fell
Summary: Shooter stumbled and fell causing fatal gunshot wound to the lower abdomen.							
12. 10-23-10	Grouse	Nonfatal	No	Shotgun	49 Y	48 Y	Victim out of sight of shooter
Summary: Shooter and victim hunting in heavily wooded area causing each to lose sight of the other. Bird flushed between the two and victim was struck in face/hand.							
13. 10-24-10	Pheasant	Nonfatal	No	Shotgun	Unk	18 Y	Victim out of sight of shooter
Summary: Victim pushing corn field with 13 hunters. Shots were fired by multiple hunters. Victim received gunshot wounds to the face, hand and belly.							
14. 10-27-10	Grouse	Nonfatal	Yes	Shotgun	41 Y		Loading firearm
Summary: Victim/shooter was loading shotgun. Gun was wet from rain, when he put a shell into chamber gun slipped and fired.							
15. 10-30-10	Waterfowl	Nonfatal	Yes	Shotgun	81 N		Loading firearm
Summary: Victim/shooter was preparing to shoot at flock of ducks while in duck blind and shot himself in the foot							
16. 11-06-10	Deer	Nonfatal	Yes	Shotgun	52 Y		Shooter stumbled and fell
Summary: Victim/shooter standing up, stumbled backwards with hand over barrel striking victim in palm of hand.							
17. 11-06-10	Deer	Nonfatal	No	Shotgun	51 N	16 Y	Loading firearm
Summary: Shooter loading firearm pushed button to close the slide causing the firearm to discharge, shoot through pickup box and cab of vehicle in front of him, shooting the victim in lower shoulder blade.							
18. 11-06-10	Deer	Nonfatal	Yes	Ctr Fire Rifle	16 Y		Careless/reckless handling of firearm
Summary: Victim/shooter heard deer went to grab his gun when it went off into his foot.							

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19. 11-06-10	Deer	Nonfatal	No	Shotgun	42 Y	34 N	Careless/reckless handling of firearm
Summary: Shooter hunting along wood line and due to sloping of terrain a nearby residence was not visible. Victim was struck by a bullet while inside her residence.							
20. 11-07-10	Deer	Nonfatal	No	Shotgun Slug	33 Y	59 N	Victim out of sight of shooter
Summary: Shooter did not see victim in deer stand as he shot causing victim gunshot wound to the side of head, taking off part of his ear.							
21. 11-11-10	Deer	Nonfatal	Yes	Shotgun	16 Y		Careless/reckless handling of firearm
Summary: Victim/shooter resting shotgun barrel on boot. The gun discharged and bullet went through boot, foot, and toe.							
22. 11-13-10	Deer	Nonfatal	No	Shotgun	41 N	14 Y	Victim out of sight of shooter
Summary: Victim and other party walking field to drive out deer when deer ran out of willow thicket ahead of victim, shooter fired at deer, missing deer striking victim in upper left side.							
23. 11-14-10	Deer	FATAL	Yes	Ctr. Fire rifle	38 N		Careless/reckless handling of firearm
Summary: Victim/shooter moving through heavily wooded area toward a deer he had shot when his gun went off suffering a fatal gunshot wound to the head.							
24. 11-17-10	Pheasant	Nonfatal	No	Shotgun	42 Y	68 N	Victim covered by shooter swinging on game
Summary: Shooter swinging to right, covered victim as he discharged firearm at a pheasant.							
25. 12-04-10	Deer	Nonfatal	Yes	Muzzle Loader	29 N		Safety off, dropped gun and it went off
Summary: Victim/shooter picking up firearm, it slipped and hit bottom of stand and discharged. Victim received a gunshot wound to her hand.							
26. 12-25-10	Grouse	Nonfatal	No	Shotgun	15 Y	25 Y	Victim covered by shooter swinging on game
Summary: Victim on right side of shooter when a grouse flushed. Shooter shot at grouse hitting victim with 6 pellets in the face.							