



## 2011 Summary of Minnesota Hunting Incidents

10/08/2013

**Number of Fatalities** 3

**Total Number of Incidents** 17

Date	Animal Hunted	Casualty	Self-inflicted	Type of Firearm	Firearms Safety		
					Shooter Age	Victim Age	Yes No Cause
1. 6-11-11	Woodchuck	Nonfatal	Yes	Handgun	54 Y		Drop firearm
<b>Summary:</b> Victim going to shoot at a woodchuck. His pistol slipped out of his hand, fell on the ground discharging a bullet just above the knee.							
2. 6-22-11	Chipmunk	Nonfatal	Yes	Handgun	69 N		Careless/reckless handling of firearm
<b>Summary:</b> Victim/shooter using his forearm as a rest to shoot at chipmunk. Victim pulled the trigger and bullet grazed his forearm requiring stitches.							
3. 9-17-11	Grouse	Nonfatal	No	Shotgun	58 Y	18 N	Victim out of sight of shooter
<b>Summary:</b> Victim hunting in a state forest. Victim was hit in the left side of face below his eye.							
4. 9-24-11	Waterfowl	Nonfatal	No	Unknown		22 Y	Unknown
<b>Summary:</b> Victim hunting in a party was struck in face with a pellet.							
5. 10-01-11	Duck	Nonfatal	No	Shotgun	50 N	26 Y	Victim out of sight of shooter
<b>Summary:</b> Shooter and victim duck hunting looking for wounded duck when the duck got up shooter shot at it hitting the victim in both legs.							
6. 10-23-11	Grouse	Nonfatal	Yes	Shotgun	27 N		Shooter stumbled and fell
<b>Summary:</b> Victim grouse hunting, saw a grouse and took safety off shotgun, grouse walked away. Victim didn't put safety back on continuing to walk towards grouse stumbled on a tree stump causing firearm to go off into his foot.							
7. 11-05-11	Deer	Nonfatal	No	Shotgun Slug	40 N	45 Y	Victim covered by shooter swinging on game
<b>Summary:</b> Shooter on stand while rest of hunting party doing a deer drive. Shooter shot at a buck that crossed between them and hit victim in forearm and elbow.							
8. 11-05-11	Deer	Nonfatal	No	Shotgun	Unk	46 Y	Failure to check beyond target
<b>Summary:</b> Victim on the edge of grove, pushing deer with party. Shooter party shot at deer, when victim's thumb was blown off.							

- 9.** 11-06-11 Deer **FATAL** Yes Ctr. Fire Rifle 51 Y Shooter stumbled & fell  
**Summary:** Victim/Shooter leaving deer stand, gun trigger caught on something shooting him in the abdomen.
- 10.** 11-06-11 Deer Nonfatal No Unknown Unk 37 Y Failure to check beyond target  
**Summary:** Victim heard multiple gunshots receiving a shot thru hat grazing his hair.
- 11.** 11-7-11 Deer **FATAL** No Ctr. Fire Rifle 15 Y Careless/reckless handling of firearm.  
**Summary:** Victim/Shooter in deer stand, stood up to remove jacket and vest when rifle went off shooting him in the upper inner leg.
- 12.** 11-07-11 Deer Nonfatal No Ctr. Fire Rifle 18 Y 29 Y Ricochet  
**Summary:** Victim standing on rock pile received gunshot wound to upper thigh from shot ricocheting off rock pile.
- 13.** 11-13-11 Waterfowl Nonfatal No Shotgun 17 Y 17 Y Obstruction of barrel  
**Summary:** Victim party hunting when one of them dropped shotgun in water. Ducks flew in, shooter shot causing the gun barrel to explode hitting victim on side of head.
- 14.** 12-07-11 Deer Nonfatal Yes Shotgun 52 Y Drop firearm  
**Summary:** Victim/shooter holding muzzle loader while putting gloves on. He dropped firearm, while trying to catch it causing a gunshot wound to wrist/forearm area.
- 15.** 12-12-11 Pheasant Nonfatal Yes Shotgun 33 Y Shooter stumbled and fell  
**Summary:** Victim/shooter tripped and fell in tall grass. The safety was off causing him to squeeze trigger as he fell, shooting himself in the leg.
- 16.** 12-17-11 Deer **FATAL** No Shotgun 25 Y 19 Y Careless/reckless handling of firearm.  
**Summary:** Shooter and Victim crawling up side of incline of gravel pit. Shooter set gun down causing it to go off, shooting victim in stomach.
- 17.** 12-17-11 Squirrel Nonfatal No Rim Fire Rifle 47 Y Shooter stumbled and fell  
**Summary:** Victim shooting at squirrels tripped causing the gun to discharge a bullet into his hand.