



## 2012 Summary of Minnesota Hunting Incidents

8/12/2013

**Number of Fatalities** 1

**Total Number of Incidents** 18

Date	Animal Hunted	Casualty	Self-inflicted	Type of Firearm	Firearms Shooter Age	Safety Yes	No Victim Age	Cause
1. 1-05-12	Pigeon	Nonfatal	No	Shotgun	15 N	52 N	Ricochet	<b>Summary:</b> Shooter fired at pigeons towards a machine shed. Spray from shot ricocheted off the wall/edge of building and struck victim in the face and upper chest.
2. 1-07-12	Squirrel/Rabbit	Nonfatal	Yes	Handgun	14 Y		Shooter stumbled & fell	<b>Summary:</b> Victim/shooter walking through private property and stumbled causing gun to go off shooting himself in the foot.
3. 2-12-12	Pheasant	Nonfatal	Yes	Shotgun	16 Y		Careless handling of firearm	<b>Summary:</b> Victim/shooter hung his shotgun off of a loop on his hunting vest. The safety on his gun was not on and the trigger caught on the loop causing firearm to discharge into his foot.
4. 3-24-12	Squirrel	Nonfatal	Yes	Shotgun	17 Y		Loading gun & dropped it	<b>Summary:</b> Victim/shooter was loading gun and dropped it. He grabbed for the gun as it was falling, causing it to fire. Victim received a gunshot wound to his foot.
5. 8-09-12	Squirrel	Nonfatal	Yes	Shotgun	15 Y		Safety Off, finger in trigger guard	<b>Summary:</b> Victim/shooter was walking out by a shed to hunt squirrels, his safety was off and his finger was on the trigger when the gun accidentally discharged, shooting himself in the foot.
6. 9-22-12	Waterfowl	Nonfatal	No	Shotgun	18 Y	16 N/A	Careless handling of firearm	<b>Summary:</b> Three people in a canoe when ducks flew in, shooter stood up to shoot, the canoe rolled and started taking in water. The shooter attempting not to fall accidentally discharged the shotgun point blank range into victim's knee.
7. 9-27-12	Unk	Nonfatal	No	Unknown	Unk	74 N	Victim out of sight of shooter	<b>Summary:</b> Victim deer hunting with a crossbow on State land and was shot by stray pellets in his lower back and leg.
8. 10-03-12	Grouse	Nonfatal	No	Shotgun	42 Y	47 Y	Victim out of sight of shooter	<b>Summary:</b> Shooter drove past a grouse on side of road, exited his vehicle to shoot, which was at an uphill location. Victim was on the other side of hill and was struck in the ear by a single pellet.

**Firearms Safety Yes No**

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9. 10-12-12	Squirrel	Nonfatal	No	Rim Fire Rifle	10 N	30 Y	Careless handling of firearm
<b>Summary:</b> Shooter was "unslinging" his gun from left shoulder when he accidentally pulled the trigger and shot victim in the shoulder blade.							
10. 10-13-12	Pheasant	Nonfatal	No	Shotgun	Unk	19 Y	Failure to check beyond target
<b>Summary:</b> Victim was up on a hill and others from the party down below him. Several pheasants flushed, shots were fired and victim was struck by several pellets to the upper part of his body.							
11. 10-14-12	Grouse	Nonfatal	No	Shotgun	Dog	36 N	Dog (foot/paw discharged firearm)
<b>Summary:</b> Victim and shooter hunting grouse, shooter put gun down and dog stepped on gun trigger resulting in victim being shot in ankle.							
12. 11-03-12	Deer	Nonfatal	Yes	Shotgun	25 Y		Safety off, finger on trigger
<b>Summary:</b> Victim had gun slung over his shoulder removed gun to shoot at deer shooting himself in the foot.							
13. 11-03-12	Deer	Nonfatal	Yes	Shotgun Slug	14 Y		Safety off, finger on trigger
<b>Summary:</b> Victim/shooter sitting in ground level stand, when he turned to look over his shoulder his finger was on the trigger guard and the safety was off causing gunshot wound to his foot.							
14. 11-03-12	Deer	<b>Fatal</b>	No	Ctr Fire Rifle	49 Y	64 N	Victim in line of fire
<b>Summary:</b> Shooter driving down snowmobile trail noticed a deer, got out of vehicle, loaded rifle and shot at the deer. The deer ran off, so he put his gun away and continued down the trail finding the victim lying on the side of trail.							
15. 11-04-12	Waterfowl	Nonfatal	Yes	Shotgun	14 Y		Victim was closing blind, firearm discharged
<b>Summary:</b> Victim/shooter was lying in a ground blind, shotgun at his side, when ducks were coming in he was closing the flaps on blind. The gun discharged striking him in the foot.							
16. 11-04-12	Deer	Nonfatal	Yes	Lg Bore Rifle	26 Y		Unloading firearm
<b>Summary:</b> Victim was walking in from hunting and unloading his gun when it went off and shot him in the foot.							
17. 11-18-12	Deer	Nonfatal	Yes	Ctr Fire Rifle	25 N		Safety off
<b>Summary:</b> Victim/shooter in deer stand and heard a deer, taking the safety off. The deer didn't show up so she laid gun down, heard deer again and brought the gun up causing a gunshot wound to the foot.							
18. 12-01-12	Rabbit/Coyote	Nonfatal	Yes	Ctr Fire Rifle	40 Y		Careless/reckless handling of firearm
<b>Summary:</b> Victim/shooter going out to shoot rabbits and coyotes, checking safety on gun when it went off in the car causing a gunshot wound to leg.							

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**Number of Hunting Incidents**

	2 party	Self-inflicted	Total
FATAL	1		1
NON-FATAL	7	10	17
	8	10	18

**Type of Firearm – 2 Party**

	Fatal	Non-fatal	Total
Unknown		1	1
Shotgun		5	5
Rim Fire Rifle		1	1
Center Fire Rifle	1		1
<b>Total</b>	1	7	8

**Type of Firearm – Self-inflicted**

	Fatal	Non-fatal	Total
Handgun		1	1
Shotgun		5	5
Center Fire Rifle		2	2
Shotgun Slug		1	1
Large Bore Rifle		1	1
<b>Total</b>		10	10

**Animal Hunted – 2 Party**

	Fatal	Non-fatal	Total
Unknown		1	1
Pigeon		1	1
Squirrel		1	1
Grouse		2	2
Pheasant		1	1
Waterfowl		1	1
Deer	1		1
<b>Total</b>	1	7	8

**Animal Hunted –Self-inflicted**

	Fatal	Non-fatal	Total
Rabbit/coyote		1	1
Squirrel		3	3
Pheasant		1	1
Waterfowl		1	1
Deer		4	4
<b>Total</b>		10	10

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**Contributing Factors – 2 Party Incidents**

	Fatal	Non-fatal	Total
Dog Foot/Paw Discharge		1	1
Victim in Line of Fire	1		1
Victim Out of Sight of Shooter		2	2
Failure to Check Beyond Target		1	1
Ricochet		1	1
Careless Handling of Firearm		2	2
	1	7	8

**Contributing Factors – Self-inflicted Incidents**

	Fatal	Non-fatal	Total
Unloading Firearm		1	1
Shooter Stumbled and Fell		1	1
Careless Handling of a Firearm		3	3
Dropped Firearm		1	1
Safety off		4	4
		10	10

**Type of Terrain Where Incident Happened**

	Fatal	Non-fatal	Total
Wooded	1	7	8
In Vehicle		1	1
Ditch		1	1
Open Field		4	4
Canoe		1	1
Other		3	3
	1	17	18

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**Color of Victim's Clothing – 2 Party**

	Fatal	Non-fatal	Total
Camo		2	2
Orange	1	2	3
Unknown		3	3
	1	7	8

**Firearms Safety Training  
 By Age of Shooter – 2 Party**

	Yes	No	Unk	Total
Unknown			3	3
10-19	1	2		3
40-49	2			2
Total	3	2	3	8

**Firearms Safety Training  
 By Age of Victim – 2 Party**

	Yes	No	Total
10-19	1	1	2
30-39	2		2
40-49	1		1
50-59		1	1
60-69	1		1
70-79		1	1
Total	5	3	8

**Firearms Safety Training  
 By Age of Shooter – Self-inflicted**

	Yes	No	Total
10-19	6		6
20-29	2	1	3
40-49	1		1
Total	9	1	10

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