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OHIO HUNTER INJURY INCIDENT REPORT FOR 2009

Once again, hunting in Ohio was one of the safest outdoor recreational activities in which to participate. The annual hunter injury incident report indicates that 99.99% of Ohio's hunters experienced safe and enjoyable hunting in 2009. Only 1 out of every 25,000 hunters was injured in a hunting related shooting incident. This figure does not take into account the total number of hunting hours that sportsmen spent pursuing wild game in the state. This report includes injuries caused by a hunting implement while in the act of hunting. Statistics on injuries from falls, heart attacks, hypothermia, and other risk factors are not required to be reported to a law enforcement agency and therefore are not reported here.

Total Incidents 2009 = 20

Fatal	1 = 5% of total
Non-fatal	19 = 95% of total
Self-inflicted	7 = 35% of total
Not self-inflicted	13 = 65% of total

INTENTIONAL DISCHARGE - 13

Failure to identify target	4
Victim moved into line of fire	3
Victim out of sight of shooter	3
Victim covered by shooter swinging on game	2
Unknown	1

ACCIDENTAL DISCHARGE - 7

Hammer/Trigger caught on object	3
Firearm fell from an insecure rest	1
Using the firearm as a club	1
Loading firearm	1
Failure to use a haul line	1

Total Incidents 2008 = 23

Fatal	2 = 9% of total
Non-fatal	21 = 91% of total
Self-inflicted	3 = 13% of total
Not self-inflicted	20 = 87% of total

Type of Hunting Arm Involved

Shotgun	16
Rifle	2
Muzzleloader	1
Handgun	1

Species Being Hunted

Deer	11
Spring Turkey	3
Rabbit/Pheasant/Quail	2
Dove	1
Waterfowl	1
Groundhog	1
Coyote	1

Shooter Legally Hunting

Yes - 17 = 85% of total
No - 3 = 15% of total

Age of Shooter

19 and under	4
20 - 29	4
30 - 39	2
40 or Over	8
Unknown	2

2009 HUNTING FATALITIES

Date	County	Self-Inflicted	Shooter's Age	Game Hunted	Implement Used	Cause
12/19	Trumbull	Yes	57	Deer	Shotgun	Unknown