



OHIO HUNTER INJURY INCIDENT REPORT FOR 2013

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 2013. 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 2013 = 23

Fatal	5 = 22% of total
Non-fatal	18 = 78% of total
Self-inflicted	7 = 30% of total
Not self-inflicted	16 = 70% of total

INTENTIONAL DISCHARGE - 18

Failure to identify target	6
Victim covered by shooter swinging on game	4
Unknown	4
Victim out of sight of shooter	2
Ricochet	2

ACCIDENTAL DISCHARGE - 5

Hammer/Trigger caught on object	3
Discharge firearm in/on vehicle	1
Careless handling of firearm	1

SPECIES BEING HUNTED

Deer	8
Squirrel	4
Spring Turkey	3
Unknown	3
Rabbit/Pheasant/Quail	2
Dove	2
Coyote	1

TYPE OF HUNTING ARM INVOLVED

Shotgun	16
Muzzleloader	2
Handgun	2
Unknown	2
Rifle	1

AGE OF SHOOTER

19 and under	3
20 - 29	4
30 - 39	2
40 or Over	11
Unknown	3

SHOOTER LEGALLY HUNTING

Yes	- 15 = 65% of total
No	- 7 = 30% of total
Unknown	- 1 = 5% of total

2013 HUNTING FATALITIES

Date	County	Self-Inflicted	Shooter's Age	Game Hunted	Implement Used	Cause
10/13	Muskingum	Yes	61	Deer	Shotgun	Discharge firearm in/on vehicle
10/14	Portage	No	27	Deer	Shotgun	Failure to identify target
12/02	Gallia	No	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
12/02	Coshocton	Yes	63	Deer	Handgun	Unknown
12/03	Fulton	No	21	Deer	Shotgun	Tying haul line to trigger guard of a loaded firearm