



OHIO HUNTER INJURY INCIDENT REPORT FOR 2004

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 2004. Only 1 out of every 19,231 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 2004 = 26		INTENTIONAL DISCHARGE - 18		ACCIDENTAL DISCHARGE - 8	
Fatal	2 = 8% of total	Failure to identify target	9	Careless handling of firearm	3
Non-fatal	24 = 92% of total	Victim covered by shooter swinging on game	4	Shooter stumbled and fell	2
Self-inflicted	6 = 23% of total	Victim out of sight of shooter	2	Hammer/Trigger caught on object	1
Not self-inflicted	20 = 77% of total	Richocet	1	Faulty equipment	1
		Victim moved into line of fire	1	Unloading firearm	1
		Faulty equipment	1		

Total Incidents 2003 = 31		Type of Hunting Arm Involved		Species Being Hunted		Shooter Legally Hunting	
Fatal	2 = 6% of total	Shotgun	23	Deer - Gun seasons (includes youth)	12	Yes	7 = 27% of total
Non-fatal	29 = 94% of total	Rifle	2	Squirrel	5	No	14 = 54% of total
Self-inflicted	11 = 35% of total	Crossbow	1	Rabbit/Pheasant/Quail	3	Unknown	5 = 19% of total
Not self-inflicted	20 = 65% of total			Spring Turkey	3		
				Deer - Archery season	1	Age of Shooter	
				Groundhog	1	19 and under	6
				Waterfowl	1	20 - 29	2
						30 - 39	2
						40 or Over	9
						Unknown	7

2004 HUNTING FATALITIES

Date	County	Self-Inflicted	Shooter's Age	Game Hunted	Implement Used	Cause
11/30	Ashtabula	No	23	Deer	Shotgun	Victim moved into line of fire.
12/4	Marion	No	47	Deer	Shotgun	Failure to identify target.