



## OHIO HUNTER INJURY INCIDENT REPORT FOR 2005

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 2005. Only 1 out of every 16,129 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 2005 = 30		INTENTIONAL DISCHARGE - 17		ACCIDENTAL DISCHARGE - 13	
Fatal	2 = 7% of total	Victim covered by shooter swinging on game	7	Careless handling of firearm	5
Non-fatal	28 = 93% of total	Failure to identify target	6	Hammer/Trigger caught on object	3
Self-inflicted	7 = 23% of total	Unknown	2	Improper crossing of obstacle	2
Not self-inflicted	23 = 77% of total	Victim out of sight of shooter	2	Shooter stumbled and fell	1
				Loading firearm	1
				Dropped firearm	1

Total Incidents 2004 = 26		Type of Hunting Arm Involved		Species Being Hunted		Shooter Legally Hunting		
Fatal	2 = 8% of total	Shotgun	24	Deer - Gun seasons (includes youth)	8	Yes - 26 = 84% of total		
Non-fatal	24 = 92% of total	Muzzleloader	3	Rabbit/Pheasant/Quail	7	No - 5 = 16% of total		
Self-inflicted	6 = 23% of total	Rifle	2	Spring Turkey	6			
Not self-inflicted	20 = 77% of total	Handgun	1	Coyote	2			
				Squirrel	2			
				Groundhog	2			
				Deer - Statewide muzzleloader	1		Age of Shooter	
				Waterfowl	1		19 and under	11
				Raccoon	1		20 - 29	3
							30 - 39	6
							40 or Over	8
							Unknown	2

### 2005 HUNTING FATALITIES

Date	County	Self-Inflicted	Shooter's Age	Game Hunted	Implement Used	Cause
05/07	Coshocton	No	22	Spring Turkey	Shotgun	Failure to identify target.
11/28	Vinton	No	15	Deer	Shotgun	Failure to identify target.