

State of Utah
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Annual Hunting Incident Report
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The International Hunter Education Association's Definition of a Hunting Incident:

An occurrence or an event that results in the physical injury or death of a person or persons which involves the discharge or use of a hunting implement while engaged in hunting activity.”
“Hunting” is described as follows: To pursue, take, attempt to take, search for, stalk or lie in wait for any animal.

NON- FATAL

VICTIM'S AGE & SEX	HUNTER EDUCATION TRAINED	FIREARM USED	SHOOTER'S AGE & SEX	HUNTER EDUCATION TRAINED	GAME HUNTED
19 year-old Male	Yes	Rifle	24 year-old Male	Yes	Deer
Remarks:	Two brothers were preparing to hunt deer. The shooter was placing a rifle under the back seat of their vehicle. He was unaware that the firearm was loaded. The firearm discharged hitting the victim who was standing on the opposite side of the vehicle in the right thigh.				
Possible Cause:	Placing a loaded firearm in a vehicle Careless handling of a firearm- failure to control the direction of the muzzle				
Location of Accident: San Juan County					

17 year-old Male	Yes	Rifle	14 year-old Male	Yes	Elk
Remarks:	The victim was hunting elk with other family members. They returned to camp after hunting and were unloading their firearms. As the shooter was unloading his 30-30 he had a negligent discharge striking the victim in the left calf.				
Possible Cause:	Careless handling of a firearm- failure to control the direction of the muzzle Unloading firearm				
Location of Accident: Duchesne County					

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19 year-old Female	No	Archery Equipment	26 year-old Male	Yes	Deer & Elk
Remarks:	The victim was accompanying her boyfriend while archery hunting for big game. The shooter was carrying his bow in his left hand with an arrow nocked as they hiked over rocky terrain. The victim was walking to the left of the shooter, next to the bow when she tripped and fell. As she fell, her leg came up and hit the broadhead which penetrated her right calf.				
Possible Cause:	Careless handling of Archery Equipment.				
Location of Accident:	Daggett County				

24 year-old Female	Yes	Rifle	Self inflicted		Elk
Remarks:	The victim was hunting elk with other family members. She was putting the safety on her 30.06 rifle and had her finger on the trigger. The firearm discharged striking her in the right foot.				
Possible Cause:	Careless handling of a firearm- failure to control the direction of the muzzle Finger on trigger				
Location of Accident:	Wasatch County				

NON- FATAL

VICTIM'S AGE & SEX	HUNTER EDUCATION TRAINED	FIREARM USED	SHOOTER'S AGE & SEX	HUNTER EDUCATION TRAINED	GAME HUNTED
29 year-old Male	Yes	Handgun	Self inflicted		Rabbit
Remarks:	While the victim was deer hunting he saw a rabbit. He had his finger on the trigger as he tried to draw his .22 caliber revolver to shoot at the rabbit. The handgun went off and struck the victim in the right foot.				
Possible Cause:	Careless handling of a firearm- failure to control the direction of the muzzle Finger on trigger				
Location of Accident:	Rich County				