

Texas Hunting Accident Report 2025



TEXAS HUNTING ACCIDENT DATA (1966-2025)

* *Voluntary* * Hunter Education Program 1972-1987

Calendar Year	Fatalities	Non-Fatal	Accidents	Hunting Licenses Sold	Accidents/ 100,000 Licenses	Fatalities/ 100,000 Licenses	Students Certified
1966	28	53	81	644,653	12.6	4.3	-
1967	23	70	93	797,846	11.7	2.9	-
1968	37	68	105	854,693	12.3	4.3	-
1969	24	68	92	895,593	10.3	2.7	-
1970	19	53	72	935,793	7.7	2.0	-
1971	24	68	92	978,285	9.4	2.5	-
1972	30	55	85	966,332	8.8	3.1	2,119
1973	22	58	80	1,011,963	7.9	2.2	4,314
1974	16	52	68	1,037,925	6.6	1.5	6,094
1975	11	66	77	1,051,834	7.3	1.0	8,531
1976	11	52	63	1,050,349	6	1.0	10,043
1977	17	64	81	1,080,530	7.5	1.6	11,298
1978	20	63	83	1,091,794	7.6	1.8	10,890
1979	10	43	53	1,093,716	4.8	0.9	10,775
1980	13	56	69	1,160,375	5.9	1.1	12,166
1981	19	53	72	1,174,023	6.1	1.6	13,187
1982	23	74	97	1,216,032	8.0	1.9	13,323
1983	17	63	80	1,325,474	6.0	1.3	14,131
1984	21	39	60	1,140,174	5.3	1.8	13,052
1985	15	57	72	1,100,991	6.5	1.4	11,284
1986	13	55	68	1,162,785	5.8	1.1	11,195
1987	12	69	81	1,189,566	6.8	1.0	8,611
Voluntary	425	1299	1724	22,960,726	7.5	1.85	161,013



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* *Mandatory* * Hunter Education Program 1988 - Present

Calendar Year	Fatal	Non-Fatal	Accidents	Hunting Licenses Sold	Accidents/ 100,000 Licenses	Fatalities/ 100,000 Licenses	Students Certified	Deferrals Sold
1988	12	58	70	1,189,000	5.9	1.0	18,043	-
1989	12	66	78	1,193,000	6.5	1.0	36,708	-
1990	8	45	53	1,132,917	4.7	0.7	24,590	-
1991	13	68	81	1,103,903	7.3	1.2	28,682	-
1992	6	56	62	1,053,063	5.9	0.6	25,453	-
1993	6	52	58	1,077,055	5.4	0.6	26,942	-
1994	5	46	51	1,083,227	4.7	0.5	34,972	-
1995	4	36	40	1,060,000	3.8	0.4	31,215	-
1996	2	29	31	990,000	3.1	0.2	24,998	-
1997	8	43	51	960,000	5.3	0.8	30,625	-
1998	3	37	40	1,011,500	3.9	0.3	31,052	-
1999	6	38	44	1,010,455	4.3	0.6	37,775	-
2000	8	44	52	1,145,000	4.5	0.7	39,049	-
2001	3	40	43	1,076,159	4.0	0.3	28,062	-
2002	3	32	35	1,024,495	3.4	0.3	37,847	-
2003	2	42	44	1,082,225	4.1	0.2	33,769	-
2004	4	25	29	1,091,178	2.7	0.4	31,171	-
2005	2	29	31	1,082,593	2.9	0.2	31,442	-
2006	4	28	32	1,115,772	2.9	0.4	29,532	-
2007	4	26	30	1,112,099	2.7	0.4	30,960	-
2008	6	20	26	993,533	2.6	0.6	32,308	-
2009	3	26	29	1,011,936	2.9	0.3	43,880	12,545
2010	4	21	25	1,141,924	2.2	0.4	41,785	13,997
2011	2	21	23	1,165,248	2.0	0.2	43,645	15,101
2012	5	20	25	1,155,542	2.2	0.4	45,719	15,438
2013	3	30	33	1,227,025	2.7	0.2	59,597	17,257
2014	2	24	26	1,284,933	2.0	0.2	72,026	11,898
2015	2	18	20	1,259,259	1.6	0.2	66,961	14,025
2016	5	19	24	1,271,368	1.9	0.4	60,115	14,371
2017	2	19	21	1,248,450	1.7	0.2	55,507	12,113
2018	3	14	17	1,235,590	1.4	0.24	57,440	11,004
2019	1	20	21	1,244,526	1.7	0.08	56,209	9,036
2020	1	23	24	1,301,289	1.8	0.08	52,912	8,020
2021	1	11	12	1,239,466	1.0	0.08	49,370	6,754
2022	1	14	15	1,214,728	1.2	0.08	52,706	6,445
2023	1	10	11	1,236,677	0.8	0.08	50,888	7,088
2024	1	18	19	1,246,797	1.5	0.08	56,241	6,144
2025	1	25	26	1,254,937	2.1	0.08	57,537	6,309
Mandatory	159	1,193	1,352	43,326,869	3.2	0.39	1,567,733	187,545
TOTAL	584	2,492	3,076	66,287,595	4.87	0.96	1,728,746	187,545

➤ HUNTING INCIDENT RATE (AVE.) DURING VOLUNTARY PROGRAM - 7.5 per 100,000 hunting licenses issued.

➤ HUNTING INCIDENT RATE (AVE.) DURING MANDATORY PROGRAM - 3.1 per 100,000 hunting licenses issued.

Texas Hunting Accidents 2021 – 2025

* TYPE "A" Incidents - resulting from a discharge of a firearm or bow while hunting, which causes the injury or death of any person(s)

INCIDENTS	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Fatal	1	1	1	1	1
Non-fatal	11	14	10	18	25
TOTAL	12	15	11	19	26

SHOOTER'S AGE	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
0-9 yrs. of age	0	0	0	0	1
10-19	2	3	2	5	1
20-29	0	2	3	3	5
30-39	5	1	1	3	3
40-49	1	2	1	3	5
50-59	1	2	1	2	4
60 & over	2	4	2	2	5
Unknown	1	1	1	1	2
	12	15	11	19	26

SHOOTER'S EQUIPMENT	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Rifles	3	4	1	5	6
Shotguns	8	8	9	12	16
Handguns	1	2	0	2	4
Muzzleloader	0	0	0	0	0
Bow/Air Gun	0	1	1	0	0
	12	15	11	19	26

ADDITIONAL FACTS	Percentage in parenthesis (%)				
Violated Game Law	5 (18)	0 (0)	2 (13)	4 (21)	2 (8)
Self-Inflicted	8 (38)	2 (17)	7 (47)	6 (32)	7 (26)
Alcohol a Factor	2 (10)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (4)
Completed Hunt Ed	11 (46)	6 (50)	9 (60)	12 (63)	14(54)
ONLINE-ONLY HE	0 (0)	2 (17)	2 (13)	2 (11)	0 (0)
Military Exempt	1 (4)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)

Incident profile over time:

- Incidents were highly preventable through proper training.
- Almost half had not completed hunter education training.
- Victims were not wearing hunter orange clothing.
- Most incidents due to hunter judgment errors; carelessness.
- Most shooters had over 10 years of hunting experience.
- Most shooters were *not* under the influence of alcohol.
- If self-inflicted, shooters handled firearms carelessly.
- Distance of muzzle to wound was typically under 15 yards.
- Many accidents occur at or after dusk; fatigue being a factor.

Significant factors in 2025

- "Victim out of sight /moved into line of fire" led the list of incidents with 12 (46%), #1 cause.
- Doves # 1 animal hunted; four (4) incidents 1st weekend.
- SHOTGUNS were used in 16 of the incidents.
- A total of 14 HUNTER EDUCATION graduates were involved in hunting incidents, none (0) who took online-only courses, three (3) that were grandfathered, and two (2) from out-of-state (UT, SD).
- Seven (7) SELF-INFLICTED hunting incidents.
- Two (2) LAW VIOLATIONS recorded.
- First alcohol-related incident in last 4 years.
- Three (3) TYPE B incidents - Two (2) incidents involving falls from elevated positions/blinds/tree stands and one fall while walking on the trail to the hunting blind (79-year-

old).

- Two (2) TYPE C non-fatal incidents.

MAIN CONTRIBUTING FACTORS

I. HUNTER JUDGMENT	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Victim out of sight /moved into line of fire	0	0	3	3	12
Victim hit by shooter swinging on game	9	5	4	7	6
Victim mistaken for game	0	1	0	0	1
SUBTOTAL	9	6	7	10	19

II. SKILL/APTITUDE

Trigger caught on object	0	0	0	2	1
Loading/Unloading gun	0	1	0	1	1
Improper crossing	0	0	0	0	0
Careless handling	3	3	1	4	3
Dropped firearm	0	0	0	1	0
Shooter stumbled/fell	0	0	0	1	0
Careless Bow Handling	0	1	1	0	0
SUBTOTAL	3	5	2	9	5

III. SAFETY

Removing/placing firearms in vehicle	0	1	1	0	1
Discharge of firearm in/on vehicle or boat/fell from insecure rest	0	2	1	0	0
Running or entering/exiting stand with loaded firearm	0	0	0	0	0
Horseplay	0	0	0	0	0
SUBTOTAL	0	3	2	0	1

IV. OTHER

Ricochet	0	0	0	0	0
Obstruction in Barrel or Faulty Equipment	0	1	0	0	0
Mixed Ammo/Incorrect Sub.	0	0	0	0	1
SUBTOTAL	0	1	0	0	1
GRAND TOTAL	12	15	11	19	26

ANIMAL HUNTED

Dove	6	4	7	10	11
Deer	1	5	2	3	4
Rabbit/Hare	0	1	0	0	1
Feral Hog/Peccary	2	2	0	1	5
Quail/Pheasant	2	1	0	2	1
Turkey	0	0	0	0	0
Ducks/Geese	0	2	2	1	3
Coyote/Bobcat	0	0	0	0	1
Squirrel/Prairie Dog	0	0	0	0	0
Nongame birds/Snake	0	0	0	1	0
Furbearers (2021 - Skunk)	1	0	0	0	0
Exotic	0	0	0	1	0
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	12	15	11	19	26

2025 FATAL ACCIDENTS - FIREARM/BOW HUNTING RELATED (A)*

* Firearm/Bow & Hunting Related - Accident/incident resulting from the discharge of a firearm or bow while hunting, which causes death to any person(s).

Date	County	Shooter's Age/Gender	Firearm	Animal Hunted	Self-Inflicted?	Hunter Ed? (Shooter)
11-14	Marion	45/M	Shotgun	Deer	Yes	No
<i>Comments</i>	Careless Handling - After returning to camp following the hunt, shooter went to retrieve his firearm from the back seat of the vehicle when the trigger caught on the bolt of another rifle that was in the back seat causing the shotgun to discharge striking him in the chest at point blank range with buck shot.					
<i>Prevention</i>	Always point the muzzle in a safe direction; always unload when no longer hunting, such as when looking for a lost item; handle firearm carefully and do not alter or destroy a firearm safety, position or restrict its proper use; keep fingers outside of trigger guard; apply what is learned in hunter education.					

2025 NON-FATAL INCIDENTS - FIREARM/BOW HUNTING RELATED (A)*

* Firearm/Bow & Hunting Related - Accident/incident resulting from the discharge of a firearm or bow while hunting, which causes injury to any person(s).

Date	County	Shooter's Age/Gender	Firearm	Animal Hunted	Self-Inflicted?	Hunter Ed? (Shooter)
1-2	Lubbock	42/M	Shotgun	Duck	Yes	No
<i>Comments</i>	Careless Handling - Shooter sat up from a duck blind and when he brought his shotgun to bear it slipped off the rest, he had it on and discharged, striking him in the left big toe.					
<i>Prevention</i>	Always point the muzzle in a safe direction and stick to a safe zone of fire; identify what is in front of and behind the target before shooting; apply what is learned in hunter education.					
1-4	Nueces	UNK/UNK	Shotgun	Waterfowl	No	UNK
<i>Comments</i>	Careless Handling - Victim and his three hunting companions were in a boat at a marina when an unknown waterfowl hunter in the distance struck them with shotgun pellets resulting in all for being peppered with shot. The shooter was never identified.					
<i>Prevention</i>	Always point the muzzle in a safe direction and stick to a safe zone of fire; communicate with hunting companions and guide; know where others are always positioned; make sure to identify the target clearly; identify what is in front of and behind target; complete hunter education, even if not required.					
1-5	Kent	40/M	Rifle	Deer	No	Yes
<i>Comments</i>	Careless Handling - Shooter was loading a rifle into a hard case at the hunting camp when the rifle hit another loaded rifle in the case causing it to discharge and strike the victim in the right buttock causing a 11cm laceration.					
<i>Prevention</i>	Always point the muzzle in a safe direction and always maintain control of the firearm; keep fingers outside of trigger guard, with firearm 'safety' ON; never place a loaded firearm in a case or in a vehicle; obey the law by completing hunter education course prior to hunting.					

Date	County	Shooter's Age/Gender	Firearm	Animal Hunted	Self-Inflicted?	Hunter Ed? (Shooter)
2-4	Cameron	45/M	Handgun	Feral Hog	Yes	Yes
<i>Comments</i>	Careless Handling – Shooter fell asleep while armed and discharged his handgun while seated in a vehicle striking himself in the penis, right testicle, and both thighs.					
<i>Prevention</i>	Always point the muzzle in a safe direction and always maintain control of the firearm; keep fingers outside of trigger guard, with firearm 'safety' ON; never place a loaded firearm in a case or in a vehicle; obey the law by completing hunter education course prior to hunting.					
2-21	Mason	27/M	Handgun	Rabbit	No	Yes
<i>Comments</i>	Moved Into Line of Fire – The shooter attempted to dispatch a rabbit with his pistol. The victim went to step on the rabbit resulting in the shooter striking the victim in the left middle toe. Both the shooter and victim were believed to be intoxicated at the time of incident.					
<i>Prevention</i>	Never operate a firearm while under the influence of drugs or alcohol; Always point the muzzle in a safe direction and maintain control of the firearm with an approved carry method; keep fingers outside of trigger guard, protecting the trigger from brush and/or during a fall; obey the law by using legal means and methods during a hunt; complete hunter education, even if not required.					
3-26	Colorado	56/M	Shotgun	Quail	No	Yes
<i>Comments</i>	Swinging Outside Safe Zone of Fire – Shooter was swinging on game and struck the victim in the distance in the face, neck, left arm, torso, and ear with several pellets					
<i>Prevention</i>	Always point the muzzle in a safe direction and stick to a safe zone of fire; communicate with hunting companions and other hunters in the area; know where others are always positioned; make sure to identify the target clearly; identify what is in front of and behind the target before shooting; apply what is learned in hunter education.					
3-29	Clay	74/M	Rifle	Feral Hog	No	No
<i>Comments</i>	Careless Handling – Shooter shot at a feral hog and the round ricocheted off the ground causing a fragment of the bullet to strike the victim in the right forearm.					
<i>Prevention</i>	Always point the muzzle in a safe direction and stick to a safe zone of fire; communicate with hunting companions and other hunters in the area; know where others are always positioned; make sure to identify the target clearly; identify what is in front of and behind the target before shooting; apply what is learned in hunter education.					
5-27	Angelina	68/M	Handgun	Feral Hog	Yes	No
<i>Comments</i>	Careless Handling – Game Warden conducted a phone interview with the shooter/victim. Shooter stated while hog hunting, he was trying to holster his Sig Sauer .22 Pistol, and it caught on his trousers. The pistol discharged causing a through and through gunshot wound to shooter's right foot just below his ankle.					
<i>Prevention</i>	Always point the muzzle in a safe direction and always maintain control of the firearm; keep fingers outside of trigger guard, with firearm 'safety' ON; never place a loaded firearm in a case or in a vehicle; obey the law by completing hunter education course prior to hunting.					
8-2	Rains	20/M	Rifle	Feral Hog	No	No
<i>Comments</i>	Moved Into Line of Fire – Shooter was hunting hogs at night with a thermal optic device and victim moved into line of fire. Victim was struck in the chest and right hand.					
<i>Prevention</i>	Always point the muzzle in a safe direction and stick to a safe zone of fire; communicate with hunting companions and other hunters in the area; know where others are always positioned; make sure to identify the target clearly; identify what is in front of and behind the target before shooting; apply what is learned in hunter education.					

Date	County	Shooter's Age/Gender	Firearm	Animal Hunted	Self-Inflicted?	Hunter Ed? (Shooter)
9-1	McLennan	21/M	Shotgun	Dove	No	Yes
Comments	Victim Out of Sight of Shooter – Shooter shot across property lines hitting property (cars and tents) and striking the victim in the high back near the left shoulder.					
Prevention	Always point the muzzle in a safe direction and stick to a safe zone of fire; communicate with hunting companions and other hunters in the area; know where others are always positioned; make sure to identify the target clearly; identify what is in front of and behind the target before shooting; apply what is learned in hunter education					
9-1	Jones	68/M	Shotgun	Dove	No	Yes
Comments	Victim Out of Sight of Shooter – Victim was walking behind cover to collect fallen game when the shooter swung on game not knowing the victim was behind the cover and struck the victim in both arms, upper back, and chest with pellets.					
Prevention	Always point the muzzle in a safe direction and stick to a safe zone of fire; communicate with hunting companions and other hunters in the area; know where others are always positioned; make sure to identify the target clearly; identify what is in front of and behind the target before shooting.					
9-4	Haskell	65/M	Shotgun	Dove	No	No
Comments	Victim Out of Sight of Shooter – Shooter walked along a line of trees and shot at game not knowing the victim was behind the trees. Victim was struck by two pellets in the right leg.					
Prevention	Always point the muzzle in a safe direction and stick to a safe zone of fire; communicate with hunting companions and other hunters in the area; know where others are always positioned; make sure to identify the target clearly; identify what is in front of and behind the target before shooting; apply what is learned in hunter education.					
9-6	Throckmorton	52/M	Shotgun	Dove	Yes	No
Comments	Careless Handling – Shooter shotgun exploded when he accidentally loaded a 20ga round in a 12ga barrel and then loaded the same barrel with a 12ga round before discharging it. The exploding barrel resulted in injury to the shooter's left hand.					
Prevention	Make sure to positively identify that you are using the correct ammunition for the firearm you are using; Maintain firearms in accordance with manufacturer specifications; apply what is learned in hunter education.					
9-12	Runnels	68/M	Shotgun	Dove	No	Yes
Comments	Victim Out of Sight of Shooter – Shooter was hunting out of sight of the victim. The victim moved to recover downed game and shooter swung on game striking victim in the face, chest, and arms.					
Prevention	Always point the muzzle in a safe direction and stick to a safe zone of fire; communicate with hunting companions and other hunters in the area; know where others are always positioned; make sure to identify the target clearly; identify what is in front of and behind the target before shooting.					
9-19	Bosque	UNK/M	Shotgun	Dove	No	UNK
Comments	Swinging Outside Safe Zone of Fire – Shooter struck victim with shotgun pellets while swinging on game. Multiple pellets broke the skin, and one pellet entered the right eye of the victim. The Victim was not identified in the report.					
Prevention	Always point the muzzle in a safe direction and stick to a safe zone of fire; communicate with hunting companions and other hunters in the area; know where others are always positioned; make sure to identify the target clearly; identify what is in front of and behind the target before shooting; apply what is learned in hunter education.					
9-19	Dimmit	39/M	Shotgun	Dove	No	UNK
Comments	Swinging Outside Safe Zone of Fire – The shooter swung on game outside of his safe zone of fire and struck the victim in the distance peppering the left side of his body and neck.					
Prevention	Always point the muzzle in a safe direction and stick to a safe zone of fire; communicate with hunting companions and other hunters in the area; know where others are always positioned; make sure to identify the target clearly; apply what is learned in hunter education.					

9-20	Baylor	36/M	Rifle	Coyote	No	Yes
<i>Comments</i>	Victim Out of Sight of Shooter – Shooter was hunting non-game species at night. Shooter was shooting from the bed of a truck and struck the roof of the truck which redirected fragments of the round down into the cab striking the victim in the compartment in the right thigh. Shooter did not pay attention to the holdover of the sights of the firearm.					
<i>Prevention</i>	Always point the muzzle in a safe direction and stick to a safe zone of fire; know where others are always positioned; make sure to identify the target clearly; understand the principles of marksmanship including holdover; apply what is learned in hunter education.					
9-26	Wilbarger	42/M	Shotgun	Dove	No	Yes
<i>Comments</i>	Victim Out of Sight of Shooter – Shooter mistakenly swung on game and struck the victim not knowing where he was. Victim, who was in the distance, was hit with shot in the face and torso.					
<i>Prevention</i>	Always point the muzzle in a safe direction and stick to a safe zone of fire; communicate with hunting companions and other hunters in the area; know where others are always positioned; make sure to identify the target clearly; identify what is in front of and behind the target before shooting; apply what is learned in hunter education.					
10-6	Irion	26/M	Shotgun	Dove	No	Yes
<i>Comments</i>	Swinging Outside Safe Zone of Fire – Shooter swung on game and mistakenly hit the victim across a pond striking him in the upper torso, face, and right eyelid.					
<i>Prevention</i>	Always point the muzzle in a safe direction and stick to a safe zone of fire; communicate with hunting companions and other hunters in the area; know where others are always positioned; make sure to identify the target clearly; identify what is in front of and behind the target before shooting; apply what is learned in hunter education.					
10-6	Taylor	58/M	Shotgun	Dove	Yes	No
<i>Comments</i>	Careless Handling – Shooter was resting muzzle on his toe when the shotgun discharged and removed his left middle toe.					
<i>Prevention</i>	Always point the muzzle in a safe direction and always maintain control of the firearm; keep fingers outside of trigger guard, with firearm ‘safety’ ON; never rest a loaded firearm muzzle on any part of your body; obey the law by completing hunter education course prior to hunting.					
10-12	Webb	9/M	Shotgun	Dove	No	No
<i>Comments</i>	Swinging Outside Safe Zone of Fire – The shooter swung on game and hit the victim standing in the distance in the neck, legs, and left arm. The victim was the 11-year-old sibling of the shooter.					
<i>Prevention</i>	Always point the muzzle in a safe direction and stick to a safe zone of fire; make sure to identify the target clearly; identify what is in front of and behind the target before shooting; apply what is learned in hunter education. Children can attend hunter education courses starting at nine years of age.					
11-10	Jefferson	17/M	Shotgun	Duck	No	Yes
<i>Comments</i>	Swinging Outside Safe Zone of Fire – The shooter was swinging on game and struck the victim in the distance as he was recovering felled game.					
<i>Prevention</i>	Always point the muzzle in a safe direction and stick to a safe zone of fire; make sure to identify the target clearly; identify what is in front of and behind the target before shooting; apply what is learned in hunter education.					
11-12	Karnes	36/M	Handgun	Deer	Yes	Yes
<i>Comments</i>	Careless Handling – Shooter was attempting to scare some livestock away from his feeder and while running towards them he tripped and his handgun came out of his holster. He attempted to catch his handgun as it was falling, and it discharged, striking him in the right testicle.					
<i>Prevention</i>	Always point the muzzle in a safe direction and always maintain control of the firearm; keep fingers outside of trigger guard, with firearm ‘safety’ ON; never attempt to catch a loaded firearm if it is falling; obey the law by completing hunter education course prior to hunting.					
11-30	Kerr	54/M	Rifle	Deer	Yes	No
<i>Comments</i>	Careless Handling – The victim’s rifle exploded while shooting and injuring his left hand. The victim was shooting reloaded ammo that was reloaded by a friend.					

<i>Prevention</i>	Make sure to positively identify that you are using the correct ammunition for the firearm you are using; Maintain firearms in accordance with manufacturer specifications; apply what is learned in hunter education.					
12-3	Archer	26/M	Rifle	Feral Hog	No	Yes
<i>Comments</i>	Victim Mistaken for Game – Shooter mistook victim for game when observing his heat signature through thermal optics on a night hunt. The victim was struck in the left upper leg.					
<i>Prevention</i>	Always point the muzzle in a safe direction and stick to a safe zone of fire; communicate with hunting companions and other hunters in the area; make sure to identify the target clearly; identify what is in front of and behind the target before shooting; apply what is learned in hunter education.					

2025 NON-FIREARM/BOW HUNTING RELATED (B) **

Type	Age/Gender	Fatal?	Comments
Tree Stand Fall 10/12	UNK/M	NO	Hunter was climbing a tree with a saddle system when he missed clipping himself in and fell from the tree breaking his ankle.
Fall While Hiking 10/21	79/M	NO	Hunter (victim) was a 79-year-old male who became disoriented on his way to his hunting spot, got lost, and fell several times on a cedar trail sustaining a head injury. The victim was found some time later disoriented and dehydrated due to lack of provisions.
Tree Stand Fall 12/23	UNK/M	NO	Hunter fell from ladder tree stand when a strap broke fracturing his pelvis in four places when he impacted the ground below. Hunter was not wearing a safety climbing harness.

** **B. Non-Firearm/Bow Related** - Accidents/incidents while hunting, not involving the discharge of a firearm or bow, which causes injury or death of any person(s).

2025 NON-HUNTING/FIREARM RELATED (C) ***

Type	Age/Gender Firearm	Fatal?	Comments
Careless Handling 1/16	82/M Handgun	NO	Shooter was unloading a firearm on his private property when it discharged and struck him in the right middle finger.
Target Shooting 12/26	65/M	NO	Shooter was target shooting a pistol on an adjacent property. Shooter shot at an old tree stump. Shooter missed the stump and the round crossed over to another property, striking the victim in the face on the right cheek. The round penetrated the cheek, went through the victim's neck and lodged in the right shoulder.

*** **C. Non-Hunting Related** - Other reported accidents/incidents resulting from the discharge of a firearm/bow, which causes the injury or death of any person(s), other than while hunting (reported to TPWD Game Wardens).