

A silhouette of a hunter in a field of tall grass, holding a rifle, with a dog sitting to the right. The background is a bright, hazy sunset or sunrise sky.

TEXAS HUNTING INCIDENTS ANALYSIS

2014

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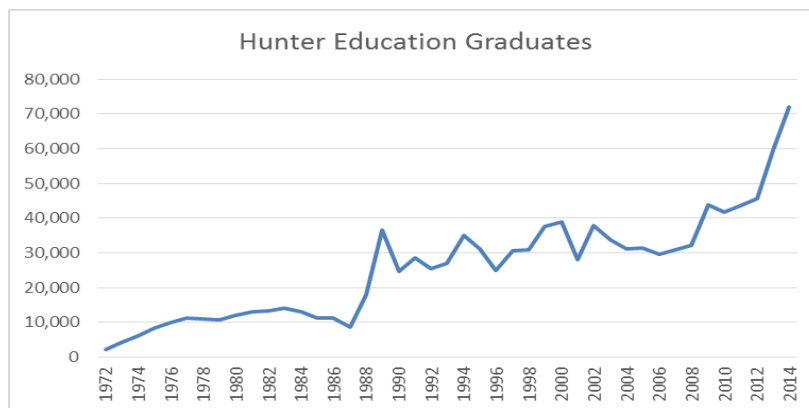
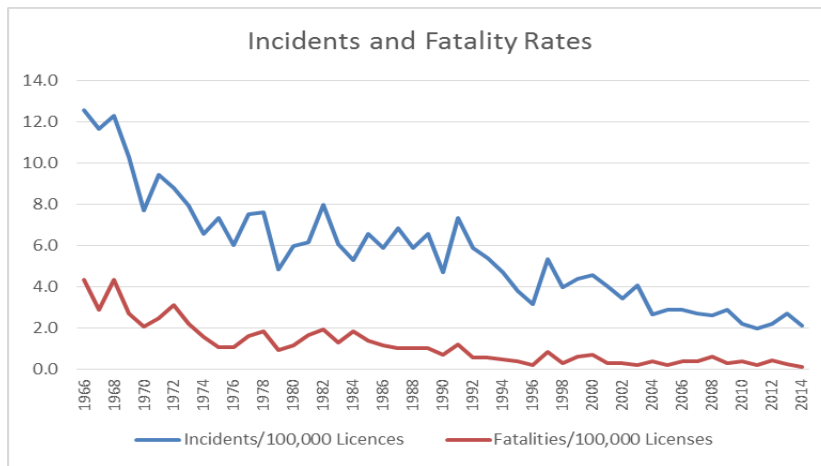


TEXAS HUNTING INCIDENT DATA (1966-2014)

Calendar Year	Fatalities	Non-Fatal	Accidents	Hunting Licenses Sold	Accidents/ 100,000 Licenses	Fatalities/ 100,000 Licenses	Students Certified	Deferrals Sold
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	1.9	13,323	
1983	17	63	80	1,325,474	6	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	
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	0.3	28,062	
2002	3	32	35	1,024,495	3.4	0.3	37,847	

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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	0.2	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	1	24	25	1,284,933	2.0	0.1	72,026	11,898

- **AVERAGE DURING VOLUNTARY HUNTER EDUCATION - 7.8 per 100,000 hunting licenses issued.**
- **AVERAGE STARTING 1988, MANDATORY HUNTER EDUCATION - 3.9 per 100,000 hunting licenses issued.**



Texas Hunting Incidents 2010 - 2014

resulting from a discharge of a firearm or bow while hunting, which causes the injury or death of any person(s)

INCIDENTS	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Total	25	23	25	33	25
Fatal	4	2	5	3	1
Non-fatal	21	21	20	30	24

SHOOTER'S AGE					
0-9 yrs. of age	0	0	1	1	2
10-19	7	4	8	7	7
20-29	5	1	6	6	3
30-39	2	2	4	7	3
40-49	2	6	4	4	5
50-59	5	5	0	4	1
60 & over	3	4	0	1	2
Unknown	1	1	2	3	2

SHOOTER'S EQUIPMENT					
Rifles	8	11	11	20	7
Shotguns	16	9	11	10	17
Handguns	1	2	3	3	1
Muzzleloader	0	0	0	0	0
Bow	0	1	0	0	0

ADDITIONAL FACTS					
	Percentage in parenthesis (%)				
Violated Game Law	7 (28)	5 (22)	7 (28)	9 (27)	4 (16)
Self-Inflicted	13 (52)	11 (48)	6 (24)	17 (52)	6 (24)
Alcohol or Drugs a Factor	1	4	0	5 (15)	3 (12)
Shooter Completed Hunter Ed	6 (24)	4 (17)	8 (32)	11 (33)	8 (32)

Incident profile over time:

- Almost all were preventable
- Most had no hunter education (safety) course or program
- Not wearing any type of hunter orange clothing
- Most due to lack of judgment or skill
- Most had over 10 years of hunting experience
- Not under the influence of alcohol
- If self-inflicted, handled firearm carelessly; grabbed trigger; firearm fell
- Distance of muzzle to wound mostly within 10 yards
- Incident occurred towards dusk; fatigue a factor

Significant for 2014

- 48% (12 incidents) reported incidents occurred in September
- 36% (9 incidents) were caused by swinging on game.
- Median age of shooters was 22, ranging in age from 7 to 61 years old
- Median age of victims was 34, ranging in age from 10 to 70 years old
- One (1) of the hunter education graduates in the 2014 incident data took the all-online course
- Number of alcohol or drug incidents was 3; median shooter age 34, ranging in age from 22 to 44 years old

MAIN CONTRIBUTING FACTOR	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
HUNTER JUDGMENT					
Victim out of sight /moved into line of fire	1	3	2	3	4
Victim hit by shooter swinging on game	7	2	6	3	9
Victim mistaken for game	1	2	0	2	2
TOTAL	9	7	8	8	15

SKILL/APTITUDE					
Trigger caught on object	0	0	0	3	1
Loading/Unloading gun	1	0	3	0	1
Improper crossing	1	0	0	0	
Careless handling	4	6	5	8	5
Dropped firearm	1	0	1	1	0
Shooter stumbled/fell	1	0	2	2	1
Careless Bow Handling	0	1	0	0	0
TOTAL	8	7	11	14	8

SAFETY					
Removing/placing firearm in vehicle	1	1	0	2	0
Discharge of firearm in/on vehicle	2	5	2	2	2
Improper crossing obstacle; Walking with loaded firearm	1	0	2	2	0
Horseplay	1	2	2	0	0
Failure to use fall restraint				1	0
TOTAL	5	8	6	7	2

OTHER					
Ricochet	1	0	1	1	0
Obstruction in Barrel and Faulty Equipment	2	1	0	3	0
TOTAL	3	1	1	4	0

ANIMAL HUNTED					
	Percentage in parenthesis (%)				
Dove	7 (28)	3 (13)	9 (36)	6 (18)	12 (48)
Deer	2 (8)	3 (13)	4 (16)	8 (24)	5 (20)
Rabbit/Hare	1 (4)	2 (9)	0	2 (6)	1 (4)
Feral Hog/Peccary	7 (28)	8 (35)	5 (20)	5 (15)	1 (4)
Quail/Pheasant	3 (12)	1 (4)	0	0	4 (16)
Turkey	0	1 (4)	0	0	0
Ducks/Geese	2 (8)	1 (4)	2 (8)	2 (6)	0
Coyote/Bobcat	0	0	0	2 (6)	0
Squirrel/Prairie Dog	1 (4)	2 (9)	0	1 (3)	1 (4)
Nongame birds/Snake	2 (8)	0	3 (12)	1 (3)	0
Furbearers,Raccoon,Opossum	0	2 (9)	2 (8)	1 (3)	0
Exotic	0	0	0	2 (6)	1 (4)
Unknown	0	0	0	3 (1)	0

2014 FATAL INCIDENT FIREARM/BOW HUNTING RELATED (A)*

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

Date	County	Shooter's Age/Gender	Firearm	Animal Hunted	Self-Inflicted?	Hunter Ed? (Shooter)
10-18	Navarro	40/M	Shotgun	Dove	Yes	No
<i>Comments:</i>	After crossing an obstacle successfully, the shooter was in the field when the shotgun discharged striking the individual in the left side of the neck. No one in the hunting party witnessed how the muzzle reached its fatal location.					
<i>Prevention</i>	Point the muzzle in a safe direction at all times; use the appropriate field carry; complete hunter education.					

2014 NON-FATAL INCIDENTS FIREARM/BOW HUNTING RELATED (A)*

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

Date	County	Shooter's Age/Gender	Firearm	Animal Hunted	Self-Inflicted?	Hunter Ed? (Shooter)
1-28	Kenedy	43/M	Rifle	Exotic	Yes	No
<i>Comments:</i>	Shooter was on a guided hunt for Nilgai antelope and was hunting from a moving vehicle, when game was spotted. Hunter prepared for a shot and chambered a round with the muzzle outside the window. The animals began to move. The victim placed the loaded gun back in the vehicle. While the vehicle was moving, the gun discharged striking the victim in the foot.					
<i>Prevention:</i>	Never hunt from a moving vehicle; never travel with a loaded firearm in the vehicle; keep your finger outside the trigger guard until you are ready to shoot; always point muzzle in a safe direction; complete hunter education.					
04-10	Mitchell	14/M	Rifle	Rabbit	Yes	No
<i>Comments:</i>	Victim was setting up to target shoot when he saw a rabbit. He fired twice at the rabbit and proceeded to lower the gun to see if he hit the rabbit. With his finger in the trigger guard, the rifle discharged striking him in the upper calf, exiting his inner calf.					
<i>Prevention:</i>	Always point muzzle in a safe direction; keep your finger outside the trigger guard until you are ready to shoot; handle firearms carefully; use the safety on the gun; complete hunter education.					
9-01	Ellis	17/M	Shotgun	Dove	No	No
<i>Comments:</i>	Shooter swung his loaded firearm to shoot at a low flying dove. The victim was in the line of fire at 50 yards and was struck in the neck and chest. Ironically, the investigating Game Warden had made contact with the shooter a year before the incident. He advised him to cease dove hunting and to take hunter education while hunting unsupervised in 2013.					
<i>Prevention:</i>	Always point the muzzle in a safe direction; keep your finger outside the trigger guard until you are ready to shoot; handle firearms carefully; know where others are positioned at all times and maintain safe zone of fire; complete hunter education.					
9-1	Medina	Unknown	Shotgun	Dove	No	No
<i>Comments:</i>	Victim was hunting on personal property. An unidentified shooter had yelled at the victim to stop shooting in their direction on their ranch. The victim then heard pellets strike his clothing and received a pellet in the thumb. The victim called the Game Warden to inform him of the incident. The Game Warden began the investigation into this incident.					
<i>Prevention:</i>	Know where others are positioned at all times and maintain safe zone of fire; complete hunter education.					

Date	County	Shooter's Age/Gender	Firearm	Animal Hunted	Self-Inflicted?	Hunter Ed? (Shooter)
9-1	Nacogdoches	22/M	Shotgun	Dove	No	Yes
<i>Comments:</i>	Shooter was stalking a wounded dove. The dove flushed, the shooter shot at the dove and struck the victim at 40 yards. Apparent use of drugs or alcohol.					
<i>Prevention:</i>	Never discharge firearms while under the influence of alcohol or drugs; know where others are positioned at all times; maintain safe zones of fire; control the muzzle at all times.					
9-1	Angelina	34/F	Shotgun	Dove	No	No
<i>Comments:</i>	Victim shot her first dove and to celebrate she had a beer with the shooter at 8AM. After a time lapse, another flock flew by and members of hunting party began to shoot. The shooter reloaded her shotgun and it discharged, striking the victim in the leg.					
<i>Prevention:</i>	Never discharge firearms while under the influence of alcohol or drugs; know where others are positioned at all times; maintain safe zones of fire; control the muzzle at all times.					
9-1	Archer	Unknown	Shotgun	Dove	No	No
<i>Comments:</i>	Victim was struck in the calf by an unknown shooter. Victim drove to the hospital, was treated and left the hospital before the Game Warden could discuss this with him.					
<i>Prevention:</i>	Always maintain a safe zone of fire; communicate with hunting companions; know where others are positioned at all times; make sure to identify the target clearly; identify what is in front of and behind the target before shooting; complete hunter education.					
9-2	Wichita	37/M	Rifle	Hog	No	No
<i>Comments:</i>	Victim came up from behind the shooter. Shooter thought the victim was a hog he had seen running and fired. Victim was struck in the ankle.					
<i>Prevention:</i>	Make sure to identify the target clearly; identify what is in front of and behind the target before shooting; communicate with hunting companions; know where others are positioned at all times; complete hunter education.					
9-4	Throckmorton	26/M	Shotgun	Dove	No	Yes
<i>Comments:</i>	Victim and shooter where hunting around a stock pond. Shooter swung on a dove and fired striking the victim who was retrieving two downed birds.					
<i>Prevention:</i>	Always maintain a safe zone of fire; communicate with hunting companions; know where others are positioned at all times; make sure to identify the target clearly; identify what is in front of and behind the target before shooting; apply what was instructed in hunter education course.					
9-6	San Saba	19/M	Shotgun	Dove	No	No
<i>Comments:</i>	Hunting party was triangularly positioned around a stock pond. While executing a successful "double" harvest. The shooter struck the victim who was in the line of fire.					
<i>Prevention:</i>	Control your emotions while in the field; Always maintain a safe zone of fire; communicate with hunting companions; know where others are positioned at all times; make sure to identify the target clearly; identify what is in front of and behind the target before shooting; complete hunter education.					
9-7	Bastrop	33/M	Shotgun	Dove	Yes	Yes
<i>Comments:</i>	Victim stood to watch some other hunters in the field and disengaged the safety. He placed the muzzle of the gun on his steel-toed boot and stood for a while. As a dove approached, he inserted his finger in to the trigger guard causing it to discharge. The impact of the blast caused the steel in the boot to pinch off one toe off and mangle two other toes.					
<i>Prevention:</i>	Always point muzzle in a safe direction; keep your finger outside the trigger guard until you are ready to shoot; handle firearms carefully; apply what was instructed in hunter education.					

Date	County	Shooter's Age/Gender	Firearm	Animal Hunted	Self-Inflicted?	Hunter Ed? (Shooter)
9-10	Albany	7/M	Shotgun	Dove	No	No
<i>Comments:</i>	Hunters were positioned around a stock pond. Shooter fired a shotgun with the victim in the line of fire.					
<i>Prevention:</i>	Closely supervise young hunters; always maintain a safe zone of fire; communicate with hunting companions; know where others are positioned at all times; make sure to identify the target clearly; identify what is in front of and behind the target before shooting; complete hunter education.					
9-14	Swisher	41/M	Shotgun	Dove	No	No
<i>Comments:</i>	Accident occurred with a hunting party of peace officers attending a guided hunt for fun and fellowship. During the course of the hunt, members of the hunting party were moving and retrieving downed dove. The shooter fired at an approaching dove, striking the victim who was in the zone of fire, in the face and arms.					
<i>Prevention:</i>	Always maintain a safe zone of fire; communicate with hunting companions; know where others are positioned at all times; identify the target clearly; identify what is in front of and behind the target before shooting; complete hunter education.					
9-28	Lampasas	17	Shotgun	Dove	No	Yes
<i>Comments:</i>	Victim was retrieving a downed dove in a field of mesquite trees. The victim arrived to the area and the bird flushed. Disoriented, the victim instructed the shooter to fire at the escaping dove. Victim was in the line of fire and was struck in the right hand by the shooter.					
<i>Prevention:</i>	Always maintain a safe zone of fire; communicate with hunting companions; know where others are positioned at all times; identify the target clearly; identify what is in front of and behind the target before shooting; apply what was instructed in hunter education course.					
11-16	Kinney	44/M	Rifle	Deer	Yes	No
<i>Comments:</i>	Victim was at his blind, while packing the loaded rifle in his backpack, the trigger caught and the rifle discharged. Victim was struck in the left calf. Alcohol was present at the blind, and the firearm was off of safety when recovered by the Game Warden.					
<i>Prevention:</i>	Never hunt while under the influence of alcohol or drugs; always point the muzzle in a safe direction; unload firearm when not hunting; use the safety; complete hunter education.					
11-16	Freestone	60/M	Shotgun	Squirrel	No	No
<i>Comments:</i>	Shooter was shooting at a squirrel in a tree from the camp house. The slug from the gun struck the victim in the head that was working nearby and parked out of sight on an oil field road.					
<i>Prevention:</i>	Identify the target clearly; identify what is in front of and behind the target before shooting; never shoot towards roads or structures where people can be at any time; complete hunter education.					
11-22	Maverick	61/M	Shotgun	Quail	No	Yes
<i>Comments:</i>	Hunting party of six were hunting quail. Shooter swung on a flushing bird and fired, striking the victim on the left side, in the arms and chest, at 17 yards.					
<i>Prevention:</i>	Always maintain a safe zone of fire; communicate with hunting companions; know where others are positioned at all times; identify the target clearly; identify what is in front of and behind the target before shooting; apply what was instructed in hunter education.					
11-24	Somervell	49/M	Shotgun	Pheasant	No	No
<i>Comments:</i>	Accident involved a hunting party on a guided hunt. Shooter swung and shot at a low flying bird, striking the victim in both legs.					
<i>Prevention:</i>	Always maintain a safe zone of fire; communicate with hunting companions; know where others are positioned at all times; identify the target clearly; identify what is in front of and behind the target before shooting; complete hunter education.					

Date	County	Shooter's Age/Gender	Firearm	Animal Hunted	Self-Inflicted?	Hunter Ed? (Shooter)
11-25	Hale	18/M	Rifle	Deer	No	No
<i>Comments:</i>	On a private ranch, shooter spotted a deer and shot from his vehicle, missing the deer. He moved his truck forward to position for another shot, firing and missing 3 times. Shooter moved his vehicle and fired again, non-fatally striking the deer. Shooter moved his vehicle to pursue the deer and fired dispatching the deer. The victim was working on a cotton stripper adjacent to the ranch and heard gunfire when he was struck from behind in the left leg. While on the ground, he heard other shots being fired.					
<i>Prevention:</i>	Identify the target clearly; identify what is in front of and beyond the target; never hunt from a moving vehicle; complete hunter education.					
11-28	Sabine	18/M	Handgun	Deer	No	No
<i>Comments:</i>	After the hunt, the shooter assisted his friend retrieve a downed deer. The shooter had his flashlight in front of his pistol on his waist belt. While grabbing for the flashlight, the handgun discharged striking the victim in right calf.					
<i>Prevention:</i>	Muzzle in a safe direction at all times; keep your finger out of the trigger guard until you are ready to shoot; apply what was instructed in hunter education.					
11-30	Mitchell	16/M	Rifle	Deer	No	Yes
<i>Comments:</i>	Victim got out of his blind to retrieve a game camera. The shooter saw movement and an object and fired. Victim was struck in the stomach area below the ribs on the left side.					
<i>Prevention:</i>	Muzzle in a safe direction at all times; identify what is in front of and beyond the target before raising the sporting arm for a shot; apply what is learned from hunter education.					
12-6	Borden	29/M	Rifle	Deer	No	Yes
<i>Comments:</i>	Hunting party of two on a guided hunt pursuing deer. When the guide stopped to view a deer, the shooter reached for his loaded rifle. The gun discharged striking the seat frame, hitting two victims with shrapnel; the guide (driver) and the other hunter.					
<i>Prevention:</i>	Muzzle in a safe direction at all times; never travel with a loaded firearm in a vehicle; keep your finger outside the trigger guard until you are ready to shoot; apply what was instructed in hunter education.					
12-7	Erath	9/M	Shotgun	Pheasant	No	No
<i>Comments:</i>	Hunting party of 4 on a guided hunt pursuing upland birds. Shooter swung on the flushing bird striking two victims. Victim one (guide) attempted to shield victim two. Both were hit, victim one in the face, victim two in the left forearm and finger.					
<i>Prevention:</i>	Always maintain a safe zone of fire; communicate with hunting companions; know where others are positioned at all times; identify the target clearly; identify what is in front of and beyond the target before raising the sporting arm for a shot; complete hunter education.					
12-22	Erath	53/M	Shotgun	Quail	Yes	Yes
<i>Comments:</i>	Hunter tripped and fell forward landing on his gun. Gun discharged striking the victim in the lower right abdominal area.					
<i>Prevention:</i>	Point the muzzle in a safe direction at all times; utilize the proper field carry; apply what was instructed in hunter education.					

2014 Non-Firearm/Bow Related, While Hunting (B)**

Type	Age/Gender	Fatal?	Comments
ATV crushed hunter.	74/M	Yes	Hog hunting a night. ATV was directed over the river bank crushing the victim.
Drowning while dove hunting	14/M	Yes	Hunter went into a pond to retrieve a dove. Hunting party could not locate him. Game Wardens dragged the pond to recover the body.
Fall from and elevated box blind	49/M	Yes	Apparent fall from deer stand caused fatal internal injuries. Influence of intoxicants involved.
Fall from an elevated box blind	50/M	No	While cleaning out the box blind before the deer opener, the first step broke causing the victim to fall to the ground. Victim was transported to the hospital via ambulance.

2014 Non-Hunting Related (C)***

Type	Age/Gender/ Firearm	Fatal?	Comments
Removing a loaded firearm from a vehicle	(69/M) Rifle	Yes	While at a residence, in preparation to go hunting, the victim was removing a cased, loaded gun from his truck. The rifle slid out of the case, striking the ground, causing the discharge. Witness heard the shot and found the victim next to the vehicle.
Removing a loaded firearm from a vehicle	(37/M) Rifle	Yes	In camp, the victim retrieved his backpack containing a loaded rifle from his ATV. The trigger caught on something with the bullet striking the victim in the chest. The victim stumbled into the cabin. Fellow hunters administered CRP and first aid without success.
Careless handling of a firearm	(14/M) Shotgun	Yes	Back in the hunting cabin, victim worked the action of the shotgun three times. He tossed the gun to the shooter who turned the muzzle towards the victim and pulled the trigger striking the victim in the chest.
Careless handling of a firearm	(44/M) Rifle	No	While back at the ranch house, victim's right hand unknowingly disengaged the safety when retrieving the loaded gun from the vehicle. Finger in the trigger guard caused the loaded firearm to discharge striking the hunter in the foot.
Ricochet	(49/M)	No	Shooter was target shooting at the hunting camp. Victim was standing 5 feet behind the shooter and felt pain from his right arm after a shot was fired; the result of a ricochet projectile.
Fall	(51/M) Rifle	No	While filling a feeder, victim fell from the elevated deer feeder. Victim landed on the loaded rifle causing it to discharge, striking him in the chest.

Type	Age/Gender/ Firearm	Fatal?	Comments
Careless handling of a firearm	(16/M) Handgun	No	Victim was on the phone in camp and while loading a pistol in hunting camp. Pistol fell and discharged, striking him the right bicep.
Careless handling of a firearm	(75/M) Handgun	No	Victim was picking up brass by the river. When observed and approached by a Deputy Sheriff. The victim placed the gun in his belt. The gun discharged when he placed his hands on the tailgate of his truck, striking him in the calf. Violation included target practice on Federal property
Careless handling of a firearm	(20/M) Handgun	No	At hunting camp, the hunting party was target shooting. Victim attempted to spin the revolver with his hand causing it to discharge striking the victim in the thigh.

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**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).

***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 Texas Parks and Wildlife Law Enforcement.



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