



MICHIGAN HUNTING RELATED INCIDENT SUMMARY

2023

Updated: 01/02/2024

Incidents: 10

N O	DATE	COUNTY	ANIMAL HUNTED	CASUALTY TYPE	SELF INFLICTED	EQUIP. USED	SHOOTER AGE	VICTIM AGE(S)	SHOOTER VIOLATION	VICTIM VIOLATION	PENDING OR FINAL
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1	01/02/23	Kent	Pheasant	Injury	No	Shotgun	Unknown	60	Yes	No	Final
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Shooter and victim were part of the same group. Victim was working with a dog and flushed a pheasant. Several hunters in the group shot at the pheasant and the victim was struck in the face by some pellets. It was not determined which of the 4 shooters pellets struck the victim. **Fail to ID beyond Target**

2	01/10/23	Shiawassee	Pheasant	Injury	Yes	Shotgun	33		No	N/A	Final
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While afield, the subject was holding a dog on a leash and resting her loaded shotgun on the ground with the barrel facing upward, while waiting for other hunters to plant birds. The dog became excited and was jumping on the subject. During this time, the dog's paw struck the trigger on the gun, causing it to fire. **Careless handling of a firearm.**

3	01/23/23	Osceola	Pheasant	Injury	Yes	Shotgun	16		No	N/A	Final
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While hunting for pheasant, the hunter paused to rest for a minute and rested the firearm with the barrel on his foot. While adjusting his grip on the firearm, his finger and/or bulky glove depressed the trigger, causing the firearm to shoot. The shot struck him in the foot, causing substantial damage to the foot. **Careless handling of a firearm.**

4	03/02/23	Wexford	Squirrel	Injury	Yes	Rifle	38		No	N/A	Final
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Shooter shot the tip of his left index finger while shooting at a squirrel. **Careless handling of a firearm.**

5	05/08/23	Wexford	Turkey	Injury	No	Shotgun	25	67	Yes	No	Final
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The shooter seen the victim's decoy spread of turkey and mistook for live turkeys. The shooter parked down the road and snuck up on the decoy spread, low crawling to the crest of a hill where he could see the head and beard of the Tom decoy. The shooter shot at the decoy and the shot struck the victim, who was sitting in the wooded area on the other side of the decoy spread. **Fail to ID beyond Target**

6	11/19/23	Cass	Deer	Injury	Yes	Shotgun	15		No	No	Final
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The receiver of the shotgun exploded when the subject fired a shot at a deer, causing injury to his left arm. **Equipment failure**



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7	11/22/23	Berrien	Deer	Injury	No	Rifle	23	64	Yes	No	Final
Subject was deer hunting in an elevated treestand. He was struck in the left leg by a stray round from a subject target shooting on an adjacent property.											
8	11/24/23	Gratiot	Deer	Injury	No	Rifle	Unknown	29	Yes	No	Final
A hunting party of 10 individuals was conducting a deer drive on public land when a deer jumped up and ran, causing multiple individuals to shoot. The victim was struck by a bullet in his upper right leg. It was not determined which individual fire the shot that struck the victim. Fail to ID beyond target / careless handling of a firearm.											
9	11/25/23	Shiawassee	Deer	Injury	Yes	Shotgun	36		No	No	Final
Subject accidentally discharged a firearm while picking up his firearm to shoot at a deer. The discharge was near his face and the blast caused injury to the facial area. Careless handling of a firearm.											
10	11/25/23	Newaygo	Deer	Injury	Yes	Shotgun					Pending
Subject accidentally shot herself in the foot while standing on a deer drive.											