



**HUNTING INCIDENTS 2007
MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION**



County	Date	Animal Hunted	Casualty Type	Self Inflicted	Equipment	Shooter Age(s)	Victim Age(s)	Shooter Violation	Victim Violation	Major Factor
1 IONIA	2/10/07	RABBIT SQUIRREL	NONFATAL	Y	RIFLE	15	15	N	N	STUMBLER AND FELL
While walking out of the woods the shooter stumbled and fell, shooting self in the shoulder. Firearm had faulty safety.										
2 MONTCALM	3/26/07	RABBIT	NONFATAL	Y		19		N		RICOCHET
Shooter shot at a rabbit, the birdshot ricochet off an object, a pellet struck him in the head.										
3 OTTAWA	5/21/07	TURKEY	NONFATAL	Y	SHOTGUN	29		N		CARELESS HANDLING
Shooter was sitting near a tree, with firearm in his lap and pointed down range, safety off, when changing positions the firearm discharged shooting him in the knee.										
4 SCHOOLCRAFT	9/27/07	GROUSE	NONFATAL	N		59	61	N	N	VICTIM OUT OF SIGHT OF SHOOTER
Shooter fired at game bird, Shotshell pellets flew over small ridge (obscured victim) striking him in the face.										
5 MONTMORENCY	9/30/07	RUFFED GROUSE	NONFATAL	N	SHOTGUN	66	44	N	N	VICTIM OUT OF SIGHT OF SHOOTER
A bird flushed and shooter swung and fired pellets struck victim in the face and hand.										
6 OAKLAND	10/6/07	WATERFOWL	NONFATAL	N	SHOTGUN	54	53	N	N	CARELESS HANDLING
Shooter, while reaching for his firearm, it caught on weeds causing his hand to slip the safety off and accidentally hit the trigger, Victim was shot in his feet & ankles.										
7 OSCEOLA	10/14/07	PHEASANT	NONFATAL	N	SHOTGUN	34	60	N	N	SHOOTER SWINGING ON GAME
While flushing pheasant one flew from the brush shooter shot hitting victim in the hand.										
8 ONTONAGON	10/18/07	PARTRIDGE	NONFATAL	N		14	49	N	N	SHOOTER SWINGING ON GAME
While hunting a bird flew up and both parties shot, shooters shot went thru bushes and hit victim in the back, scalp, shoulder.										
9 OGEMAW	10/13/07	GROUSE	NONFATAL	N	SHOTGUN	25	25	N	N	SHOOTER SWINGING ON GAME
Shooter unaware of victim moving to his left, grouse flushed left shooter fired. Victim was behind a pine tree in line of fire.										
10 OAKLAND	10/20/07	PHEASANT	NONFATAL	N	SHOTGUN	N/A	46	N	N	SHOOTER SWINGING ON GAME
Victim was hit with pellets while the group was attempting to shoot a flushed bird.										
11 IONIA	11/15/07	DEER	NONFATAL	N	SHOTGUN	19	42	N	N	VICTIM IN LINE OF FIRE
Victim pushing deer along the tree line. Shooter shot at the deer hitting victim in thigh.										
12 NEWAYGO	11/15/07	DEER	NONFATAL	Y	HANDGUN	36				CARELESS HANDLING OF FIREARM
Loading firearm, let go of slide while finger on the trigger causing firearm to discharge striking toe on left foot.										
13 ALLEGAN	11/15/07	DEER	NONFATAL	Y	HANDGUN	62				TRIGGER CAUGHT ON OBJECT
Shooter had handgun holstered in cocked position. Trigger caught on brush and firearm discharged shooting himself in the wrist.										
14 GLADWIN	11/16/07	DEER	NONFATAL	N	RIFLE	53	N/A	N	N	FAILURE TO ID TARGET

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15	CALHOUN	11/16/07	DEER	NONFATAL	N	SHOTGUN	52	52	N	N	VICTIM OUT OF SIGHT OF SHOOTER Victim shot a deer, while tracking the deer, the shooter shot at a buck and hit the victim across a corn field.
16	HOUGHTON	11/16/07	DEER	NONFATAL	Y	SHOTGUN	56				CARELESS HANDLING OF FIREARM Shooter got tangled in a pine tree and accidentally pulled the trigger shooting self in the foot.
17	PRESQUE ISLE	11/16/07	DEER	NONFATAL	Y	HANDGUN		45	N	N	CARELESS HANDLING Shooter saw four deer coming toward him. His firearm discharged while he was exiting his ground blind.
18	HILLSDALE	11/16/07	DEER	NONFATAL	N	SHOTGUN	13	41	N	N	VICTIM IN LINE OF FIRE While pushing deer the shooter observed the deer and shot missing and striking the victim in the bicep.
19	MONTCALM	11/17/07	DEER	FATAL	N	SHOTGUN	26	48	N	N	FAILURE TO ID TARGET Victim and shooter tracking a deer, Shooter shot at a noise in the brush shooting victim in leg.
20	CALHOUN	11/17/07	DEER	NONFATAL	N	SHOTGUN	61	46	N	N	VICTIM OUT OF SIGHT OF SHOOTER Victim pushing deer, shooter was in a treestand and shot at the deer, hitting the victim in the legs.
21	BARRY	11/18/07	DEER	NONFATAL	Y	MUZZLELOADER	13				CARELESS HANDLING While settling down into a ground blind, the muzzleloader accidentally discharged, shooting self in the foot.
22	OCEANA	11/22/07	DEER	FATAL	N	SHOTGUN		28			Victim was hunting at the end of a corn field and was struck by a bullet in the head.
23	ST CLAIR	11/22/07	WATERFOWL	NONFATAL	N	SHOTGUN	64	42	N	N	VICTIM OUT OF SIGHT OF SHOOTER While hunting, shooter shot at a duck and 2 pellets hit victim in face.
24	LAPEER	11/22/07	DEER	NONFATAL	Y	HANDGUN	51		N	N	CARELESS HANDLING Victim was removing handgun from front pocket while wearing gloves and accidentally pulled trigger shooting self in the leg.
25	TUSCOLA	11/24/07	DEER	NONFATAL	Y	SHOTGUN	61		N	N	CARELESS HANDLING Tripped over his firearm and shot himself in the foot.
26	BRANCH	11/24/07	DEER	NONFATAL	N	MUZZLELOADER	18	42	N	N	VICTIM OUT OF SIGHT OF SHOOTER While pushing deer the victim was walking through the cornfield shooter shot the ricochet and hit victim.
27	HURON	11/24/07	DEER	NONFATAL	N	SHOTGUN	45	45	N	N	VICTIM OUT OF SIGHT OF SHOOTER While pushing deer the deer ran between the two party
28	EATON	12/07/07	DEER	NONFATAL	Y	MUZZLELOADER	65		N	N	CARELESS HANDLING While attempting to remove the shoulder sling the firearm discharged, shooting self in the right hand.
29	WASHTENAW	12/08/07	DEER	NONFATAL	N	MUZZLELOADER	43	55	N	N	VICTIM OUT OF SIGHT OF SHOOTER

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30	PRESQUE ISLE	12/16/07	DEER	NONFATAL	Y	MUZZLELOADER	39		N	CARELESS HANDLING
Accidental discharge while removing from vehicle.										
31	HURON	12/23/07	DEER	NONFATAL	Y	MUZZLELOADER	27		N	CARELESS HANDLING
While lowering firearm accidental discharge.										
32	INGHAM	12/29/07	DEER	NONFATAL	Y	SHOTGUN	59			ACCIDENTAL DISCHARGE
While clearing off the scope lens, accidentally hit the trigger shooting self in the knee.										

NOTE: Not included in this report is 7 treestand falls; **4 FATAL** (Muskegon Co., Sanilac Co., Isabella Co., Cass Co., Arenac Co., Missaukee Co., Jackson Co.)