



**HUNTING INCIDENTS 2009
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	ISABELLA	5/1/09	TURKEY	FATAL	UNK	SHOTGUN		24			WHILE IN TREESTAND FIREARM DISCHARGED Unknown if victim was seated, entering or exiting a treestand, and the firearm discharged.
2	MACOMB	9/6/09	DUCK	NON-FATAL	NO	SHOTGUN	58	21	YES	NO	SWINGING ON GAME, FAILUE TO ID TARGET While goose hunting, shooter shot as goose landed between the victim and shooter.
3	ST. JOSEPH	9/16/09	SQUIRREL	NON-FATAL	YES	SHOTGUN	20		YES		CARELESS HANDLING OF FIREARM Carrying the firearm slung over shoulder, the hammer caught on clothing, in attempt to disarm the hammer, it discharged.
4	OCEANA	09/20/2009	SQUIRREL	NON-FATAL	NO	RIFLE	37	81	YES	NO	CARELESS DISCHARGE OF FIREARM Victim standing next to tree was shot in the elbow by son-in-law who mistook the elbow for a squirrel.
5	MIDLAND	9/26/09	SQUIRREL	NON-FATAL	NO	RIFLE	41	10			CARELESS HANDLING OF FIREARM While walking afield victim bent over and the firearm discharged.
6	ONTONAGON	10/18/09	GROUSE	NON-FATAL	NO	SHOTGUN	33	33	YES	NO	VICTIM OUT OF SIGHT OF SHOOTER Shooter shot at bird striking victim in the face.
7	KALKASKA	10/18/2009	GROUSE	NON-FATAL	NO	SHOTGUN	UNKNOWN	46	YES	NO	CARELESS DISCHARGE OF FIREARM Six subjects hunting grouse, victim hit in face with birdshot by unknown shooter.
8	LAPEER	10/25/09	RABBIT	NON-FATAL	NO	SHOTGUN	35	50	YES	NO	VICTIM OUT OF SIGHT OF SHOOTER Victim sitting in tall weeds at bottom of a ditch dressed in full camo.
9	ST. CLAIR	11/15/09	DEER	NON-FATAL	YES	REVOLVER	58		NO		FAULTY EQUIPMENT/OTHER Discharged .460 handgun. Injury to left hand/fingers resulted. Possibly the result of hand placement near front of cylinder.
10	CHIPPEWA	11/16/2009	DEER	NON-FATAL	YES	RIFLE		80	YES		CARELESS HANDLING OF FIREARM Victim possessed loaded and uncased firearm on ORV. Attempting to get ORV in neutral and firearm slipped off lap and discharged.
11	BARRY	11/19/09	DEER	NON-FATAL	NO	SHOTGUN	52	58	NO	NO	VICTIM OUT OF SIGHT OF SHOOTER Subject struck by shotgun slug while standing in camp. Hunter in adjacent field fired at deer. Slug traveled through wooded area striking victim.
12	BARRY	11/19/09	DEER	NON-FATAL	YES	SHOTGUN	19		NO		CARELESS HANDLING OF FIREARM Subject moving when firearm discharged striking self in left foot with slug. (Report pending)

13	BRANCH	11/19/2009	DEER	NON-FATAL	Yes	SHOTGUN	18		NO		CARELESS HANDLING OF FIREARM
Victim climbing into treestand, tied hauline through trigger guard causing firearm to discharge into his foot.											
14	ROSCOMMON	11/21/09	DEER	NON-FATAL	YES	UNK	37		NO		CARELESS HANDLING OF FIREARM
Subject sitting down to hunt when firearm discharged striking victim in the hand.											
15	OSCEOLA	11/22/09	DEER	NON-FATAL	YES	RIFLE	64		NO		CARELESS HANDLING OF FIREARM
Subject rested barrell of .44 rifle on foot. Gun went off striking right foot.											
16	OCEANA	11/22/2009	DEER	NON-FATAL	NO	RIFLE	UNKNOWN	38	YES	NO	CARELESS DISCHARGE OF FIREARM
Victim participating in a large deer drive and was struck by a bullet from unknown shooter											
17	MIDLAND	11/28/09	DEER	NON-FATAL	YES	UNK	36		NO		CARELESS HANDLING OF FIREARM
Self inflicted gunshot wound. Left hand. (Limited info, report pending)											
18	JACKSON	12/15/09	DEER	FATAL	YES	MUZZLE LOADER	63		NO		Other/Unknown
Victim attempting to climb out of elevated stand after making 911 call. Paramedics found victim at base of stand with gunshot to the chest.											