

# TEXAS HUNTING INCIDENTS

## ANALYSIS



**2015**

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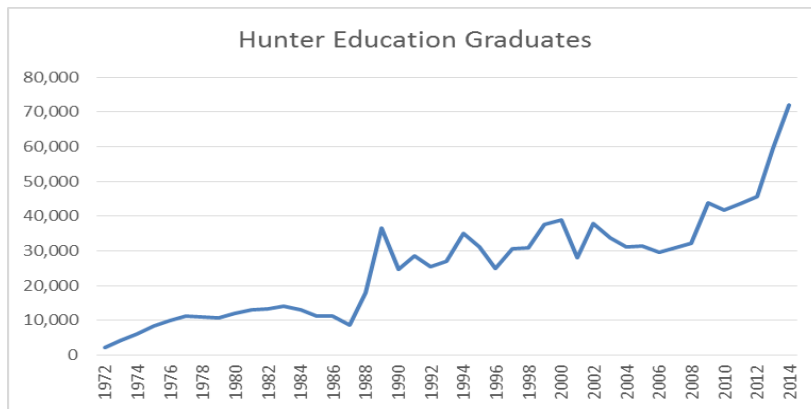
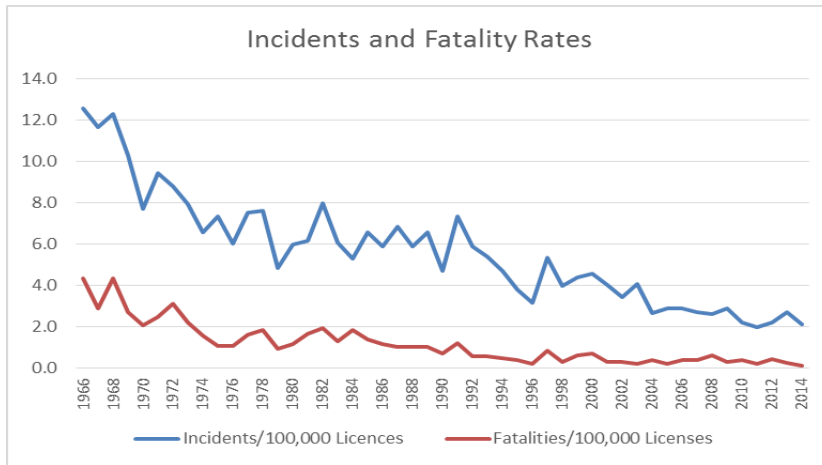
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## TEXAS HUNTING INCIDENT DATA (1966-2015)

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	2	24	26	1,284,933	2.0	0.2	72,026	11,898
2015	2	18	20	1,180,638	1.7	0.17	66,284	14,025

- **AVERAGE DURING VOLUNTARY HUNTER EDUCATION - 7.8 per 100,000 hunting licenses issued.**
- **AVERAGE STARTING 1988, MANDATORY HUNTER EDUCATION - 3.8 per 100,000 hunting licenses issued.**





## Texas Hunting Incidents 2011 – 2015

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

INCIDENTS	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
<b>Total</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Fatal</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Non-fatal</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>18</b>

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

SHOOTER'S EQUIPMENT					
Rifles	11	11	20	8	4
Shotguns	9	11	10	17	15
Handguns	2	3	3	1	1
Muzzleloader	0	0	0	0	0
Bow	1	0	0	0	0

ADDITIONAL FACTS					
	Percentage in parenthesis (%)				
Violated Game Law	5 (22)	7 (28)	9 (27)	5 (19)	3 (15)
Self-Inflicted	11 (48)	6 (24)	17 (52)	6 (23)	6 (30)
Alcohol or Drugs a Factor	4 (xx)	0 (0)	5 (15)	3 (11)	2 (10)
Shooter Completed Hunter Ed	4 (17)	8 (32)	11 (33)	9 (35)	10 (50)
ONLINE-ONLY HE	N/A	N/A	0 (0)	1 (4)	2 (10)

### Incident profile over time:

- Incidents were highly preventable thru proper training
- Most had no hunter education (safety) course or program
- Victims were not wearing hunter orange clothing
- Most incidents were due to lack of hunter judgment
- 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 generally under 15 yards
- Incident occurred towards dusk; fatigue a possible factor

### Significant for 2015

- DOVE hunting with 12 (60%) led the list of animals hunted
- 11 (55%) incidents were caused by swinging on game outside of a SAFE ZONE OF FIRE
- 11 (55%) incidents occurred in September/October
- More shooters causing incidents in 2015 were OLDER with 13 (65%) over 40 years of age; 4(20%) over 70 years of age
- 2 incidents involved MULTIPLE SHOOTERS firing toward victim, causing injury from possibly more than 1 firearm
- Higher number (10) of HUNTER EDUCATION graduates were involved in 2015 incidents; 2 out-of-state (LA, MO)
- 2 (10%) shooters completed ONLINE-ONLY Hunter Ed.
- 2 (10%) incidents involved ALCOHOL use, and 3 (15%) involved LAW VIOLATIONS, down in number in 2015

MAIN CONTRIBUTING FACTOR	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
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HUNTER JUDGMENT					
Victim out of sight /moved into line of fire	3	2	3	4	2
Victim hit by shooter swinging on game	2	6	3	9	11
Victim mistaken for game	2	0	2	3	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>13</b>

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

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

OTHER					
Ricochet	0	1	1	0	0
Obstruction in Barrel	1	0	3	0	0
Mixed Ammo/Incorrect Substitution	0	0	0	0	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>

ANIMAL HUNTED					
	Percentage in parenthesis (%)				
Dove	3 (13)	9 (36)	6 (18)	12 (46)	12 (60)
Deer	3 (13)	4 (16)	8 (24)	6 (23)	2 (10)
Rabbit/Hare	2 (9)	0	2 (6)	1 (4)	1 (5)
Feral Hog/Peccary	8 (35)	5 (20)	5 (15)	1 (4)	1 (5)
Quail/Pheasant	1 (4)	0	0	4 (15)	3 (15)
Turkey	1 (4)	0	0	0	0
Ducks/Geese	1 (4)	2 (8)	2 (6)	0	0
Coyote/Bobcat	0	0	2 (6)	0	0
Squirrel/Prairie Dog	2 (9)	0	1 (3)	1 (4)	1 (5)
Nongame birds/Snake	0	3 (12)	1 (3)	0	0
Furbearers/Raccoons	2 (9)	2 (8)	1 (3)	0	0
Exotic	0	0	2 (6)	1 (4)	0
Unknown	0	0	3 (1)	0	0

## 2015 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)
6-13	Wise	55/M	Shotgun	Pheasant	No	No
<i>Comments:</i>	Nine (9) year-old victim was on an "English-style" pheasant hunt at a private bird hunting club and, unbeknownst to his grandfather, stepped out of the heavy-lumbered shooting bunker to go to the bathroom. He stepped back out from behind a tree just as his grandfather was shooting at a released pheasant, taking a full load of #6 shot in the torso.					
<i>Prevention:</i>	Always maintain a safe zone of fire; keep constant oversight and communications with youngsters along on the hunt; know where others are positioned at all times; wear blaze orange to be seen, especially while hunting upland game; identify the target clearly and what is in front of/behind target before shooting; complete hunter education, even if not required.					
12-29	Kendall	71/F	Rifle	Deer	Yes	No
<i>Comments:</i>	An elderly husband dropped his wife off at an elevated box blind and went to another blind on their ranch. When he returned, he found her non-responsive with a gunshot wound to her neck. She had discharged the rifle with the muzzle pointed towards her neck and head, based on the evidence. The couple, both hunters, were married over 50 years and considered "happy" by children/friends when interviewed by the warden, "nothing to indicate suicide."					
<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; unload firearms when no longer in the act of hunting; complete hunter education, even if not required.					

## 2015 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)
1-23	Kenedy	63/M	Shotgun	Quail	No	No
<i>Comments:</i>	Victim was retrieving a downed bird as the shooter swung on another flushing bird and fired, striking the victim in the left leg, hip, knee and inside right leg. Victim was partially covered by bushes obstructing view of hunter.					
<i>Prevention:</i>	Always maintain a safe zone of fire; communicate with hunting companions; know where others are positioned at all times; wear blaze orange to be seen, especially while hunting upland game; identify target clearly and what is in front of/behind target before shooting; complete hunter education, even if not required.					
1-24	Bee	28/M	Shotgun	Dove	No	No
<i>Comments:</i>	After a dove hunt, shooter discharged a 12 gauge over-and-under shotgun while passing it to victim. The shot struck the victim in the right lower leg causing extensive bleeding. The three boys in the hunting party had been drinking and none had completed hunter education.					
<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; unload firearms when no longer in the act of hunting, never drink or take mood altering drugs while hunting; complete the required hunter education course.					
2-7	Polk	22/M	Rifle	Squirrel	Yes	Yes
<i>Comments:</i>	Victim discharged his .22 caliber lever-action rifle as it was pointed towards his left foot, sending the bullet through his big toe.					
<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 learned in hunter education.					

<b>Date</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Shooter's Age/Gender</b>	<b>Firearm</b>	<b>Animal Hunted</b>	<b>Self-Inflicted?</b>	<b>Hunter Ed? (Shooter)</b>
<b>8-15</b>	<b>Chambers</b>	<b>9/M</b>	<b>Rifle</b>	<b>Hog</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
<i>Comments:</i>	Shooter discharged rifle with muzzle pointed towards his foot/toes. Shooter claimed he had just crossed a fence and somehow put the safety in the 'fire' position in the process.					
<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 and cross obstacles properly and carefully; complete the required hunter education course.					
<b>9-1</b>	<b>Medina</b>	<b>25/M</b>	<b>Shotgun</b>	<b>Dove</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<i>Comments:</i>	Shooter swung and shot at a low flying dove outside of a safe zone-of-fire. The pellets struck victim in the face at about 60 yards away.					
<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 learned in hunter education.					
<b>9-2</b>	<b>Medina</b>	<b>70/M</b>	<b>Shotgun</b>	<b>Dove</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>No</b>
<i>Comments:</i>	Shooter swung and shot at a low flying dove outside of a safe zone-of-fire. The pellets struck victim in the upper abdomen at about 25 yards away.					
<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, even if not required.					
<b>9-5</b>	<b>Throckmorton</b>	<b>51/M</b>	<b>Shotgun</b>	<b>Dove</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>No</b>
<i>Comments:</i>	Shooter swung and shot at a low flying dove outside of a safe zone-of-fire. The pellets struck victim in the arm and chin from over 50 yards.					
<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, even if not required.					
<b>9-5</b>	<b>Tom Green</b>	<b>75/M</b>	<b>Shotgun</b>	<b>Dove</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Yes (LA)</b>
<i>Comments:</i>	Shooter swung and shot at a low flying dove outside of a safe zone-of-fire. The doves were coming into a decoy/pond set up by the hunting group. Pellets struck victim in the chest from between 35-40 yards.					
<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 learned in hunter education.					
<b>9-6</b>	<b>Runnels</b>	<b>41/M</b>	<b>Shotgun</b>	<b>Dove</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<i>Comments:</i>	Shooter swung and shot at a low flying dove outside of a safe zone-of-fire. Victim was retrieving a downed bird in tall grass and brush. The pellets struck victim in the head and neck area from under 50 yards away.					
<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 learned in hunter education.					
<b>9-10</b>	<b>Medina</b>	<b>50/M</b>	<b>Shotgun</b>	<b>Dove</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes (MO)</b>
<i>Comments:</i>	Victim erroneously loaded a 28 ga. shell into a 20 ga. over-and-under while dove hunting. He started the hunt with a 28 ga., and then thought he ran out of ammo, so switched to the 20 ga. He apparently had one 28 ga. shell left in his pouch. He suffered damage to his left hand.					
<i>Prevention:</i>	Always use the correct ammunition for your firearm and never carry/switch two sizes of ammunition while hunting or shooting; apply what was learned in hunter education.					

<b>Date</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Shooter's Age/Gender</b>	<b>Firearm</b>	<b>Animal Hunted</b>	<b>Self-Inflicted?</b>	<b>Hunter Ed? (Shooter)</b>
<b>9-19</b>	<b>Dimmit</b>	<b>70/M</b>	<b>Shotgun</b>	<b>Dove</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>No</b>
<i>Comments:</i>	Hunters were positioned about 10 yards apart when some doves landed between them. Upon shooter's command, victim shot at first dove that flushed; shooter shot at another. In the process, victim had moved up in front of shooter and was struck by pellets in the upper shoulder area.					
<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, even if not required.					
<b>10-4</b>	<b>Hildago</b>	<b>41/M</b>	<b>Shotgun</b>	<b>Dove</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Yes *</b>
<i>Comments:</i>	Shooter swung and shot at a low flying dove outside of a safe zone-of-fire. Victim was retrieving a downed bird about 40 yards away and was struck in the arm, neck and back.					
<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 learned in hunter education.					
<i>* Shooter completed ONLINE-ONLY Hunter Education Course</i>						
<b>10-11</b>	<b>Upton</b>	<b>UNK/M</b>	<b>Shotgun</b>	<b>Dove</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>No</b>
<i>Comments:</i>	A group of six hunters set up in a circular pattern and swung and shot at a flock of low flying birds outside of a safe zone-of-fire. Victim was struck by pellets in the side and head. It is unknown which of three shooters caused the incident. Several of the hunters were hunting without the required licenses or hunter education certifications.					
<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 the required hunter education course and purchase the necessary hunting licenses and stamps.					
<b>10-12</b>	<b>Kleberg</b>	<b>31/M</b>	<b>Shotgun</b>	<b>Dove</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<i>Comments:</i>	Shooter swung and shot at a low flying dove outside of a safe zone-of-fire. Victim was riding her bicycle on a public road over 50 yards away and was struck in the knee and thigh by 4 pellets. Shooter was charged with discharging a firearm over a public road.					
<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, what is in front of/behind the target before shooting; obey public safety laws and apply what was learned in hunter education.					
<b>10-25</b>	<b>Crosby</b>	<b>46-31/M **</b>	<b>Shotgun</b>	<b>Dove</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>No/Yes *</b>
<i>Comments:</i>	Four hunters set up in a dove field. As one hunter went to retrieve a downed bird and then water his dog, two of the three swung and shot at a flock of low flying doves outside of a safe zone-of-fire. Victim was struck by pellets in the face, neck and torso. Based on evidence, both shooters may have caused the incident; and several hunters also had been drinking.					
<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; never drink or take mood altering drugs while hunting; complete the required hunter education course/apply what was learned in hunter education.					
<i>* Younger of two shooters completed ONLINE-ONLY Hunter Education Course</i>						
<i>** Two shooters -- victim hit by pellets from both firearms</i>						
<b>11-25</b>	<b>San Saba</b>	<b>52/M</b>	<b>Rifle</b>	<b>Deer</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
<i>Comments:</i>	Victim carried a loaded firearm in his vehicle while hunting deer. While he was putting rifle on the passenger side floor, he discharged it with muzzle pointed towards his calf.					
<i>Prevention:</i>	Never carry a loaded firearm in a vehicle or hunt from a vehicle; always point muzzle in a safe direction; keep your finger outside the trigger guard until you are ready to shoot; complete the hunter education course, even if not required.					

Date	County	Shooter's Age/Gender	Firearm	Animal Hunted	Self-Inflicted?	Hunter Ed? (Shooter)
11-26	San Saba	19/M	Handgun	Rabbit	Yes	Yes
<i>Comments:</i>	Victim and his father were hunting together in a pasture. Victim claimed that a jackrabbit came at his legs and bit him, and in the excitement, he discharged his .22 handgun towards his feet, the bullet lodging in his right ankle/foot. Victim later went through rabies treatment.					
<i>Prevention:</i>	Always point muzzle in a safe direction; keep your finger outside the trigger guard until you are ready to shoot; control direction of the muzzle when falling, or any time something (like an animal) is a distraction; handle firearms carefully; apply what was learned in hunter education.					
12-17	Colorado	42/M	Shotgun	Pheasant	No	Yes
<i>Comments:</i>	Shooter swung and shot at a low flying pheasant outside of a safe zone-of-fire. The pellets struck victim in the face from 50-55 yards.					
<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 learned in hunter education.					

## 2015 NON-FIREARM/BOW HUNTING RELATED (B) \*\*

Type	Age/Gender	Fatal?	Comments
Fall from elevated stand 10-3	UNK/M	No	Victim was deer hunting from a tree stand, when the stand's straps broke and he fell; not wearing harness.
Helicopter Crash 11-13	4 People/M	No	Hunters were hunting hogs from helicopter during a mule deer survey when pilot lost control; Pilot suffered severe lacerations; front passenger suffered broken leg, and two in back suffered minor injuries
Fall from elevated stand 11-29	38/M	No	Victim was deer hunting from a tree stand when stand's straps loosened. He fell; not wearing harness.
Fall from filling feeder 12-4	40/M	No	Victim was filling deer feeder when ladder shifted, sending him to the ground. He suffered a broken leg.
Over exertion/heart failure 12-5	67/M	Yes	Victim was dragging deer to car and fell to knees once at the car; checked by his buddy, but fell again, never regaining consciousness the second time.
Fall from elevated stand 12-19	65/M	No	Victim had shot deer and climbed down. He then went back up stand to see if he could spot deer. The stand straps broke, and he fell; not wearing harness.



## 2015 NON-HUNTING/FIREARM RELATED (C) \*\*\*

Type	Age/Gender/ Firearm	Fatal?	Comments
Careless handling of a firearm	(10/M) Rifle	No	Victim discharged .22 cal. rifle towards ground next to 4 year old victim. Shrapnel from ricochet struck victim in the right inner thigh.
Careless handling of a firearm	(39/M) Handgun Hunter Ed	No	Victim discharged his 9mm handgun while showing friends how he holstered it; bullet struck victim in his left hand/finger, grazing thigh.
Careless handling of a firearm	(17/M) Rifle NO Hunter Ed	No	Shooter loaded and pointed muzzle at victim while in cabin, and even though he was warned not to "horseplay" with his firearm, he discharged it. Bullet struck victim in thigh/groin area.

### DEFINITIONS:

\* 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).

\*\* 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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