

**Utah
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Program**



HUNTING INCIDENTS IN UTAH 1957-2016

Year	Licensed Hunters	Juvenile Hunters	Hunting Incidents	Juvenile Incidents	Fatalities	Accumulated Instructors Trained	Instructors Trained That Year	Accumulated Students Trained	Students Trained That Year
1957	165,081	8,735	126	93	22	310	310	726	726
1958	173,846	10,192	108	82	21	960	650	1,800	1,074
1959	184,071	12,563	71	33	12	1,830	870	10,090	8,290
1960	180,862	18,966	52	17	7	2,393	563	26,880	16,790
1961	181,874	21,481	38	6	5	3,148	755	42,638	15,758
1962	195,271	25,580	32	4	6	3,704	556	60,900	18,262
1963	199,727	28,916	27	3	4	4,166	462	75,150	14,250
1964	200,545	31,732	26	3	5	4,419	253	91,290	16,140
1965	202,223	34,016	19	4	5	4,608	189	108,664	17,374
1966	197,598	36,844	21	4	4	5,010	402	121,461	12,797
1967	214,568	38,409	20	4	6	5,480	470	134,082	12,621
1968	228,414	40,602	24	7	8	5,961	481	158,949	24,867
1969	235,650	41,887	22	10	6	6,266	305	172,782	13,833
1970	238,766	42,602	20	6	7	6,747	481	202,782	30,000
1971	238,888	42,161	22	5	6	7,114	367	216,509	13,727
1972	243,991	42,780	23	4	8	7,502	388	231,960	15,451
1973	254,448	44,102	14	5	4	7,826	324	245,312	13,352
1974	224,077	38,810	13	4	5	8,102	276	259,233	13,921
1975	214,872	37,258	14	5	5	8,212	110	272,133	12,900
1976	225,152	38,525	8	2	3	8,513	301	296,102	23,969
1977	228,360	38,910	11	3	4	8,901	388	310,662	14,560
1978	246,880	42,613	8	3	4	9,440	539	323,180	12,518
1979	262,061	46,966	14	4	6	9,812	372	337,764	14,584
1980	265,000	45,688	12	4	5	9,962	150	351,675	13,911
1981	262,000	44,961	14	4	5	10,283	321	365,112	13,437
1982	266,820	46,388	12	5	6	10,716	433	380,322	15,210
1983	268,162	46,880	13	6	5	11,266	550	393,816	13,494
1984	243,429	42,811	9	5	0	11,401	135	406,816	13,000
1985	241,188	42,413	6	3	0	11,458	57	420,318	13,502
1986	226,498	39,830	7	4	1	11,458	0	432,430	12,112
1987	228,197	39,484	16	5	4	11,640	182	442,748	10,318
1988	247,384	43,302	6	3	1	11,738	98	455,557	12,809
1989	241,409	38,036	11	2	0	11,806	68	466,303	10,746
1990	237,755	46,326	14	7	2	11,909	103	477,189	10,886
1991	238,786	46,723	10	3	0	11,999	90	489,497	12,308
1992	238,848	46,834	16	5	4	12,200	201	502,988	13,491
1993	191,658	37,381	12	7	4	12,332	132	516,014	13,026
1994	164,983	31,065	7	3	0	12,415	83	527,432	11,418
1995	162,613	30,566	8	3	2	12,480	65	541,157	13,725

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1996	253,919	3,724	5	1	0	12,555	75	556,182	15,025
1997	256,539	3,783	7	3	0	12,612	57	570,432	14,250
1998	236,257	3,529	8	5	1	12,642	30	583,988	13,556
1999	243,464	3,549	9	0	0	12,724	82	597,631	13,643
2000	225,536	3,452	7	1	1	12,752	28	609,854	12,223
2001	247,060	3,312	7	2	0	12,846	94	620,354	10,500
2002	238,397	3,065	5	1	0	12,912	66	630,602	10,248
2003	223,833	2,991	6	1	1	12,921	9	641,204	10,602
2004	233,910	3,091	5	1	0	13,022	101	651,018	9,814
2005	225,362	2,893	4	2	0	13,070	48	662,610	11,592
2006	221,840	3,895	9	1	1	13,118	48	673,636	11,026
2007	277,664	11,926	4	2	2	13,142	24	683,163	9,527
2008	354,565	16,252	5	3	1	13,171	29	692,448	9,285
2009	337,918	12,594	2	2	0	13,267	96	702,631	10,183
2010	370,158	12,447	5	1	0	13,361	94	713,538	10,907
2011	370,020	12,434	8	2	0	13,483	122	723,869	10,331
2012	335,607	13,193	6	3	0	13,533	50	734,339	10,470
2013	205,153	30,715	4	1	0	13,570	37	745,021	10,682
2014	416,753	37,465	6	1	2	13,599	29	755,809	10,788
2015	428,288	35,696	9	3	1	13,622	23	765,706	9,897
2016	435,024	35,924	5	3	0	13,640	18	775,599	9,893

Notes:
 1975 - hunter orange required
 1987 - change big game age from 16 to 14
 1996 - We started the "Wildlife Habitat Authorization" - A big game license is no longer available to hunt big game. So we were able to count both licenses and permits for Federal Aid numbers so we made the determination that "Youth" hunters were under 14.



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<p>2007 Utah Hunting Accident Summary</p> <p>Fatal accidents: 2</p> <p>Non-fatal accidents: 2</p>	<p>2007 Fatal Accident Details 44 y/o Male</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summit County • Hunter Education Trained • Firearm: Rifle • Shooter was 34 y/o Male • Hunter Education Trained • Hunting Deer • Improper firearm handling & Improper muzzle control. 	<p>(44 y/o Male)</p> <p>Two hunters were hunting deer in the oak brush. The shooter & the victim were walking single file with the rifles slung over their shoulders when the shooter bent down to go through some brush. His rifle was pointing back at the victim when it discharged hitting the victim in the stomach.</p>
<p>2007 Fatal Accident Details 52 y/o Male</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Utah County • Both Hunter Education Trained • Firearm: Shotgun • Shooter was 9 y/o Male • Hunting Waterfowl • Improper muzzle control, & too much gun for the child. 	<p>(52 y/o Male)</p> <p>The victim & shooter were hiding in a ditch hunting waterfowl. The shooter was shooting at a goose when the victim was hit. The shooter shot at a goose then stumbled backwards & the gun came down & discharged again.</p>	<p>2007 Non-Fatal Accident Details 14 y/o Female & 15 y/o Male</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Duchesne County • Both Hunter Education Trained • Firearm: Rifle • Shooter was the 14 y/o Female • Hunting Rabbit • Cause was improper firearm handling.
<p>(14 y/o Female & 15 y/o Male)</p> <p>The shooter loaded a .22 rifle and handed it to the victim. The shooter thought the victim had the gun and let it go. The rifle fell to the ground discharging. The bullet hit the shooter in the middle finger and the victim in the cheek.</p>	<p>2007 Non-Fatal Accident Details 42 y/o Male</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Washington County • Unknown if either HE Trained • Firearm: Shotgun • Shooter was the 70 y/o Male • Hunting Pheasant • Shooter swinging on game. 	<p>(42 y/o Male)</p> <p>Seven people were together hunting pheasant in a line. A pheasant flew-up & the shooter swung on the bird & fired. The victim was in the line of fire & hit in the head with several pellets.</p>
<p>2008 Utah Hunting Accident Summary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fatal accidents: 1 • Non-fatal accidents: 4 	<p>2008 Fatal Accident Details 15 y/o Male</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daggett County • Hunter Education Trained • Firearm: Rifle • Shooter Unknown • Hunting Elk • Cause was unknown, possibly improper muzzle control. 	<p>(15 y/o Male)</p> <p>The victim was hunting elk with family members. They spotted some elk, and had been shooting at them. While the hunters were re-loading a rifle, the victim was struck in the chest with a single bullet. It is undetermined where the shot came from.</p>

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<p>2008 Non-Fatal Accident Details 28 y/o Male</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sevier County • Hunter Education Trained • Firearm: Rifle • Shooter was a 64 y/o Male • Unknown if HE Trained • Hunting Elk • Cause was improper firearm handling, & possible firearm malfunction. 	<p style="text-align: center;">(28 y/o Male)</p> <p>The shooter was being guided by the victim on a private land elk hunt. The hunter had just shot and wounded an elk. When the elk started to get up, the victim instructed the hunter to shoot the elk again. As the shooter chambered a round, the firearm discharged as he closed the bolt. The victim was struck in the right ankle at close range. The foot of the victim was later amputated.</p>	<p>2008 Non-Fatal Accident Details 55 y/o Male</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carbon County • Hunter Education Trained • Firearm: Shotgun • Shooter Unknown • Hunting Chukars • Cause was shooter swinging on game.
<p style="text-align: center;">(55 y/o Male)</p> <p>The victim and his hunting partner were hunting chukars in an area with several other hunting parties. A chukar flew up between the hunting parties and someone shot at the bird. As the victim turned to see who had fired, he was peppered with shot. The victim was hit in the lower leg, chest, and right hand. All injuries were minor.</p>	<p>2008 Non-Fatal Accident Details 12 y/o Male</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carbon County • Hunter Education Trained • Firearm: Shotgun • Self-Inflicted • Hunting Chukars • Cause was a ricochet. 	<p style="text-align: center;">(12 y/o Male)</p> <p>The victim was hunting chukars with his father. He shot at a bird and hit an old abandoned vehicle. The pellets bounced back at the victim hitting him in both legs, the right arm and in the chest. The victim's injuries were minor but one pellet was removed from his right arm.</p>
<p>2008 Non-Fatal Accident Details 16 y/o Male</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Davis County • Hunter Education Trained • Firearm: Shotgun • Shooter Unknown • Hunting Ducks • Cause was victim out of sight of shooter. 	<p style="text-align: center;">(16 y/o Male)</p> <p>The victim was hunting ducks on the opening day of waterfowl season. When the shooter fired at a low flying duck, he did not see the victim beyond the target. The victim was hit with one pellet in the left eye. The shooter came over and checked on the victim and assisted him out of the marsh. The victim was checked over at the hospital, but sustained no permanent damage.</p>	
<p>2009 Utah Hunting Accident Summary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fatal accidents: 0 • Non-fatal accidents: 2 	<p>2009 Non-Fatal Accident Details 38 y/o Male</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weber County • Both Hunter Education Trained • Firearm: Shotgun • Shooter was a 13 y/o Female • Hunting Doves • Victim in the line of fire. 	<p style="text-align: center;">(38 y/o Male)</p> <p>The victim was hunting doves with his daughter. As the birds approached the victim knelt in front of the shooter. As she fired at the doves, he stood up in front of her. He was hit as close range across the top of the head.</p>

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<p>2009 Non-Fatal Accident Details 15 y/o Male</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daggett County • Hunter Education Trained • Firearm: .50 Cal. Muzzleloader <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Self-Inflicted • Hunting Deer • Improper muzzle control, & trigger possibly caught on object. 	<p style="text-align: center;">(15 y/o Male)</p> <p>The victim was hunting deer with other family members. The victim had been sitting on a log watching for deer. As he stood up the firearm discharged striking the victim in the abdomen.</p>	
<p>2010 Utah Hunting Accident Summary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fatal accidents: 0 • Non-fatal accidents: 5 	<p>2010 Non-Fatal Accident Details 19 y/o Male</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • San Juan County • Both Hunter Education Trained <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Firearm: Rifle • Shooter was a 24 y/o Male <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hunting Deer • Loaded firearm in vehicle, & improper muzzle control. 	<p style="text-align: center;">(19 y/o Male)</p> <p>2 brothers were preparing to hunt. The shooter was placing a rifle under the back seat of their vehicle. Unaware that it was loaded, the firearm discharged hitting victim who was standing on the opposite side of the vehicle in the right thigh.</p>
<p>2010 Non-Fatal Accident Details 17 y/o Male</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Duchesne County • Both Hunter Education Trained <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Firearm: 30-30 Rifle • Shooter was a 14 y/o Male <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hunting Elk • Improper muzzle control, & careless handling while unloading firearm. 	<p style="text-align: center;">(17 y/o Male)</p> <p>Victim was hunting elk with family. They returned to camp after hunting & were unloading their firearms. Shooter had a negligent discharge while unloading his 30-30 striking the victim in the left calf.</p>	<p>2010 Non-Fatal Accident Details 19 y/o Female</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daggett County • Not Hunter Education Trained <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Archery Equipment • Shooter was a 26 y/o Male • Hunter Education Trained <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hunting Deer & Elk • Careless handling of archery equipment.
<p style="text-align: center;">(19 y/o Female)</p> <p>Victim was with boyfriend while archery hunting. The shooter was carrying his bow in his left hand with an arrow nocked while hiking over rough terrain. The victim was walking to the left of the shooter, next to the bow when she tripped & fell. As she fell her leg came up & hit the broadhead which penetrated her right calf.</p>	<p>2010 Non-Fatal Accident Details 24 y/o Female</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wasatch County • Hunter Education Trained <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Firearm: Rifle • Self-Inflicted • Hunting Elk • Improper muzzle control, & finger on trigger. 	<p style="text-align: center;">(24 y/o Female)</p> <p>Victim was hunting elk with family. She had her finger on the trigger of her 30.06 rifle while attempting to put it on safe. The firearm discharged striking her in the right foot.</p>

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<p>2010 Non-Fatal Accident Details 29 y/o Male</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rich County • Hunter Education Trained <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Firearm: Handgun • Self-Inflicted • Hunting Rabbit (& Deer) • Improper muzzle control, & finger on trigger. 	<p style="text-align: center;">(29 y/o Male)</p> <p>While he was hunting deer he saw a rabbit. He had his finger on the trigger as he tried to draw his .22 cal. revolver to shoot at the rabbit. The handgun went off & struck him in the right foot.</p>	
<p>2011 Utah Hunting Accident Summary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fatal accidents: 0 • Non-fatal accidents: 8 	<p>2011 Non-Fatal Accident Details 57 y/o Male</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uintah County • Hunter Education Trained <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Firearm: Handgun • Self-Inflicted • Hunting Elk • Insecure rest, & firearm fell or dropped. 	<p style="text-align: center;">(57 y/o Male)</p> <p>Victim was preparing to sit down to watch for game. As he did his holster hit the arm of the chair & knocked his revolver out. He tried to catch it but it hit the ground and discharged. He was burned on his right hand & the bullet traveled through his right thigh striking the femoral artery.</p>
<p>2011 Non-Fatal Accident Details 18 y/o Male</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uintah County • Hunter Education Trained <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Firearm: Rifle • Self-Inflicted • Hunting Pronghorn • Careless handling of a firearm- muzzle control, & finger on trigger. 	<p style="text-align: center;">(18 y/o Male)</p> <p>Victim & friends spotted a group of pronghorn & he used a friend's rifle to look at the animals through the scope. While opening the action to unload the rifle he took the safety off & the firearm discharged striking him in the right lower calf. The bullet traveled down through his leg & foot exiting through his heel.</p>	<p>2011 Non-Fatal Accident Details 27 y/o Male</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Duchesne County • Both Hunter Education Trained <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Firearm: Shotgun • Shooter was a 59 y/o Male <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hunting Pheasant • Swinging on game.
<p style="text-align: center;">(27 y/o Male)</p> <p>Victim was hunting pheasants with five others when a pheasant flushed. He was shot by a member of his group from about 40 yards. He was hit by numerous pellets on the right side of his face, neck, shoulder, arm & torso. Fortunately, he was wearing glasses & his firearm was on his right shoulder protecting his head from the force of the shot.</p>	<p>2011 Non-Fatal Accident Details 9 y/o Male</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cache County • Not Hunter Education Trained <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Firearm: Shotgun • Shooter was a 39 y/o Male • Hunter Education Trained <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hunting Grouse • Swinging on game. 	<p style="text-align: center;">(9 y/o Male)</p> <p>Victim was a non-hunter with a group of grouse hunters. The shooter swung on a bird that flew between him & the rest of the group. The victim was hit with two shot pellets in the left ear and neck from a distance of about 70 yards.</p>

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<p>2011 Non-Fatal Accident Details 16 y/o Male</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Duchesne County • Hunter Education Trained • Firearm: .22 Cal. Rifle <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Self-Inflicted • Hunting Rabbits • Improper muzzle control, & shooter stumbled & fell. 	<p style="text-align: center;">(16 y/o Male)</p> <p>Victim was walking along without the safety engaged on his firearm. He stumbled & the firearm discharged striking him in the right lower leg.</p>	<p>2011 Non-Fatal Accident Details 46 y/o Male</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Box Elder County • Both Hunter Education Trained • Firearm: Shotgun • Shooter was a Dog • Hunting Waterfowl • Loaded firearm in a vehicle (boat), & trigger caught on object.
<p style="text-align: center;">(46 y/o Male)</p> <p>Victim was waterfowl hunting with family. After shooting some ducks they were preparing to gather their decoys & use their boat to retrieve one bird. He set his loaded shotgun in the decoy box on the boat then walked around the boat in front of the firearm. Their dog jumped into the boat on top of the firearm causing it to discharge. The victim was struck with 27 shot pellets.</p>	<p>2011 Non-Fatal Accident Details 33 y/o Male</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cache County • Hunter Education Trained <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Firearm: Shotgun • Shooter Unknown • Hunting Pheasant • Swinging on game. 	<p style="text-align: center;">(33 y/o Male)</p> <p>Several hunters were in two small groups on opposite sides of a gully. A pheasant jumped up and flew between the two groups. There were multiple hunters in one group that shot at the pheasant. The victim was in the group on the opposite side and was hit in his legs with 9 shot pellets.</p>
<p>2011 Non-Fatal Accident Details Unknown Male</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kane County • Hunter Education Trained • Firearm: Muzzleloader <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Self-Inflicted • Hunting Deer • Improper muzzle control. 	<p style="text-align: center;">(Unknown Male)</p> <p>Victim had stopped to glass an area for deer. He rested the muzzle of his firearm on his foot & it unintentionally discharged while in that position.</p>	
<p>2012 Utah Hunting Accident Summary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fatal accidents: 0 • Non-fatal accidents: 6 	<p>2012 Non-Fatal Accident Details 53 y/o Male</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Box Elder County • Unknown if HE Trained • Firearm: Muzzleloader Handgun <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Self-Inflicted • Hunting Deer • Improper muzzle control, & loaded firearm in a vehicle. 	<p style="text-align: center;">(53 y/o Male)</p> <p>Victim was holding his gun by the frame while getting out of the truck. The hammer caught on the door & was pulled far enough to cause discharge. The bullet struck victim in the right chest & lodged near spine. He had to drive himself several miles to call for help.</p>

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<p>2012 Non-Fatal Accident Details 15 y/o Male</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kane County • Hunter Education Trained <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Firearm: Rifle • Shooter was a 6 y/o Male • Not Hunter Education Trained <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hunting Rabbits • Improper muzzle control. 	<p style="text-align: center;">(15 y/o Male)</p> <p>Victim was hunting with family. Shooter was carrying his new .22, which discharged hitting his brother in the back, exiting from the chest narrowly missing his heart.</p>	<p>2012 Non-Fatal Accident Details 54 y/o Male</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Washington County • Hunter Education Trained <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Firearm: Rifle • Shooter was a 90 y/o Male <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unknown if HE Trained <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hunting Deer • Improper muzzle control, & loaded firearm on an ATV.
<p style="text-align: center;">(54 y/o Male)</p> <p>Victim was walking beside an ATV. While riding on the back of the ATV the shooter's gun discharged hitting his son in the buttocks & exiting fragments also injured his left wrist.</p>	<p>2012 Non-Fatal Accident Details 17 y/o Male</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cache County • Hunter Education Trained <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Firearm: Muzzleloader • Shooter was a 58 y/o Male <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unknown if HE Trained <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hunting Deer • Improper muzzle control. 	<p style="text-align: center;">(17 y/o Male)</p> <p>While attempting to un-cock his gun, the shooter dropped the hammer discharging the round in front of the victim. Multiple bullet & rock fragments injured his right foot, calf, thigh & hand.</p>
<p>2012 Non-Fatal Accident Details 26 y/o Male</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daggett County • Both Hunter Education Trained <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Firearm: Shotgun • Shooter was a 34 y/o Male <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hunting Grouse • Victim out of sight of shooter, & possible ricochet. 	<p style="text-align: center;">(26 y/o Male)</p> <p>Victim & shooter were hunting together when they lost sight of each other. When the shooter fire at a bird, the victim immediately called for help. He was struck in the left arm, shoulder & face.</p>	<p>2012 Non-Fatal Accident Details 13 y/o Male</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cache County • Both Hunter Education Trained <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Firearm: Shotgun • Shooter was a 17 y/o Male <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hunting Waterfowl • Victim covered by shooter swinging on game.
<p style="text-align: center;">(13 y/o Male)</p> <p>Three friends were hunting together in a marsh. The victim had moved about 50 yards away, when the shooter fired hitting the victim. He was hit in the right leg, thigh, buttock & arm.</p>		

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<p>2013 Utah Hunting Accident Summary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fatal accidents: 0 • Non-fatal accidents: 4 	<p>2013 Non-Fatal Accident Details 10 y/o Male</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cache County • Not Hunter Education Trained <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Firearm: Shotgun • Shooter was Unknown Male <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hunting Pheasant • Victim out of sight of shooter. 	<p style="text-align: center;">(10 y/o Male)</p> <p>The hunters were on a hillside when a bird flushed & they shot. The victim was out of sight & was struck in the jaw, bicep, stomach, & wrist with 5 pellets.</p>
<p>2013 Non-Fatal Accident Details 38 y/o Male</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cache County • Both Hunter Education Trained <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Firearm: Shotgun • Shooter was Unknown Male <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hunting Pheasant • Victim out of sight of shooter. 	<p style="text-align: center;">(38 y/o Male)</p> <p>The hunter flushed a bird & shot. The victim was out of sight & was struck in the face & right arm with pellets. The victim was wearing glasses preventing eye injury.</p>	<p>2013 Non-Fatal Accident Details Early 20's Male</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summit County • Unknown if either HE Trained <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Firearm: Rifle • Shooter was Unknown Female <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hunting Elk • Improper muzzle control.
<p style="text-align: center;">(Early 20's Male)</p> <p>The victim & shooter had returned to their vehicle after hunting. The shooter was unloading her firearm when it discharged, striking the victim in the knee. The victim's leg was later amputated. The shooter subsequently moved from the county over the incident.</p>	<p>2013 Non-Fatal Accident Details 23 y/o Male</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Juab County • Both Hunter Education Trained <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Firearm: Bow • Shooter was a 23 y/o Female <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hunting Deer • Careless handling of archery equipment. 	<p style="text-align: center;">(23 y/o Male)</p> <p>The victim was taking video ahead of the hunting party. As a buck crossed a field the hunters began positioning for a shot leaving the victim between the archer & the buck. As the shooter, whose bow was drawn, attempted to let down the bow, accidentally released the arrow. The victim was struck in the head, losing vision in one eye & is paralyzed.</p>
<p>2014 Utah Hunting Accident Summary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fatal accidents: 2 • Non-fatal accidents: 4 	<p>2014 Fatal Accident Details 49 y/o Male</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rich County • Both Hunter Education Trained <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Firearm: Rifle • Shooter was a 61 y/o Male <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hunting Pronghorn • Victim covered by shooter swinging on game. 	<p style="text-align: center;">(49 y/o Male)</p> <p>The hunters missed a shot at a pronghorn. With an ATV they located the pronghorn as it went over the hill. Upon cresting they dismounted, the shooter left, & the victim right. The shooter went forward to shoot, the victim crossed behind & left & was sitting down. Both shot at the pronghorn which moved left & the shooter followed it with a scope. His second shot struck the victim in the head.</p>

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<p>2014 Fatal Accident Details 57 y/o Male</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cache County • Neither Hunter Education Trained • Firearm: Shotgun • Shooter was a 63 y/o Male • Hunting Pheasant • Shooter stumbled & fell. 	<p style="text-align: center;">(57 y/o Male)</p> <p>A group of four hunters were hunting pheasant along a drainage ditch. Two on each side of the ditch. A pheasant flushed & the shooter shot at it. He then slipped in some mud & fell, the firearm discharged striking the victim in the back.</p>	<p>2014 Non-Fatal Accident Details 61 y/o Male</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cache County • Hunter Education Trained • Firearm: Shotgun • Shooter Unknown • Hunting Pheasant • Failure to check beyond target.
<p style="text-align: center;">(61 y/o Male)</p> <p>The victim was guiding 9 hunters & was standing on a hill 60-80 yards from the hunters spotting birds as they fell. Some birds flushed & the hunters began shooting. The victim was struck in the left eye, hands, & thigh by several pellets. The victim has lost most vision in his left eye.</p>	<p>2014 Non-Fatal Accident Details 34 y/o Male</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Box Elder County • Hunter Education Trained • Firearm: Shotgun • Self-inflicted • Hunting Pheasant • Defective Firearm/Obstruction in the barrel. 	<p style="text-align: center;">(34 y/o Male)</p> <p>The victim was hunting pheasants when he took a shot & the shotgun blew apart at the forearm. The flesh & muscle between his thumb & index finger was blown away. No bones were broken.</p>
<p>2014 Non-Fatal Accident Details 24 y/o Male</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cache County • Hunter Education Trained • Firearm: Shotgun • Shooter was an 11 y/o Male. • Hunting Pheasant • Victim covered by shooter swinging on game. 	<p style="text-align: center;">(24 y/o Male)</p> <p>When a bird flushed while hunting, the shooter swung & fired. The victim was out of sight & was struck in the head & chest with eight pellets.</p>	<p>2014 Non-Fatal Accident Details 38 y/o Male</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Utah County • Unknown if either HE Trained • Firearm: Shotgun • Shooter Unknown • Victim out of sight of shooter.
<p style="text-align: center;">(38 y/o Male)</p> <p>The victim & a co-worker were in the parking lot at work. Adjacent to the lot is a large vacant area with trees, brush & tall grass. The victim was grazed in the neck by one shotgun pellet. The injury was minor.</p>		

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<p>2015 Utah Hunting Accident Summary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fatal accidents: 1 • Non-fatal accidents: 7 	<p>2015 Fatal Accident Details 10 y/o Male</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cache County • Not Hunter Education Trained <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Firearm: 30-06 Rifle • Shooter was a 14 y/o Male • Hunter Education Trained <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hunting Elk • Unloading a firearm on vehicle. 	<p>(10 y/o Male)</p> <p>The hunters were retrieving equipment on an ATV. The victim was sitting on the footwell when the shooter returned to the ATV, realized his racked gun was still loaded. It discharged while he attempted to work the action, hitting the victim in the neck & left shoulder.</p>
<p>2015 Non-Fatal Accident Details 24 y/o Male</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sevier County • Hunter Education Trained • Firearm: .50 Cal Muzzleloader <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Self-Inflicted • Hunting Deer • Failure to control firearm. 	<p>(24 y/o Male)</p> <p>While hunting the victim was hiking downhill through heavy brush when he removed his slung firearm & dropped it. It discharged & struck him below the right arm pit & exiting out the top of the shoulder.</p>	<p>2015 Non-Fatal Accident Details 34 y/o Male</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daggett County • Hunter Education Trained <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Firearm: 30-06 Rifle • Self-Inflicted • Hunting Elk • Failure to maintain firearm, & failure to control firearm.
<p>(34 y/o Male)</p> <p>The victim was returning to vehicle after hunting. His slung rifle fell while putting his pack in the vehicle, discharging when he caught it, hitting himself in the right foot. He admitted that the safety was broken.</p>	<p>2015 Non-Fatal Accident Details 46 y/o Male</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Millard County • Hunter Education Trained • Firearm: 300 WSM Rifle <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Self-Inflicted • Hunting Deer • Improper handling of firearm. 	<p>(46 y/o Male)</p> <p>The victim was hunting deer with a guide. His gun discharged when he unslung it, striking himself in the foot. The safety was not on.</p>
<p>2015 Non-Fatal Accident Details 9 y/o Male</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sanpete County • Not Hunter Education Trained <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Firearm: .22 Cal. Rifle • Shooter was an 10 y/o Male • Hunter Education Trained <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hunting Rabbit • Improper handling of firearm. 	<p>(9 y/o Male)</p> <p>While hunting the shooter was carrying his rifle with safety off. When instructed to put the safety on, the rifle discharged striking the victim in the left foot.</p>	<p>2015 Non-Fatal Accident Details Unknown Male</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Davis County • Unknown if Either HE Trained <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Firearm: Shotgun • Shooter Unknown • Victim out of sight of shooter.

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<p style="text-align: center;">(Unknown Male)</p> <p>The victim was hunting on opening day when we was struck by a single shot in the right shin.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">2015 Non-Fatal Accident Details</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Unknown Male</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Davis County • Unknown if Either HE Trained • Firearm: Shotgun • Shooter Unknown • Victim out of sight of shooter. 	<p style="text-align: center;">(Unknown Male)</p> <p>The victim was hunting on opening day when we was struck by a single shot in the right cheek.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">2015 Non-Fatal Accident Details</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Unknown Male</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sanpete County • Unknown if HE Trained • Firearm: Unknown • Self-Inflicted • Hunting Rabbit • Loaded firearm in vehicle, & improper handling of firearm. 	<p style="text-align: center;">(Unknown Male)</p> <p>The victim stopped to shoot a rabbit at night. He missed & reloaded, throwing the gun on the seat of the truck, causing a discharge striking himself in the left forearm.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">2016 Utah Hunting Accident Summary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fatal accidents: 0 • Non-fatal accidents: 5 	<p style="text-align: center;">2016 Non-Fatal Accident Details</p> <p style="text-align: center;">17 y/o Female</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sevier County • Hunter Education Trained • Firearm: Muzzleloader • Shooter was a 66 y/o Male. • Not Hunter Education Trained • Hunting Mule Deer • Improper handling of firearm. 	<p style="text-align: center;">(17 y/o Female)</p> <p>Shooter & victim (his granddaughter) just returned to their vehicle. Victim was sitting in the passenger seat while shooter attempted to unload his in-line muzzleloader (removing the primer) when it discharged a .45 caliber bullet into the seat, fragmented on the frame, & striking victim struck in the left chest near her armpit.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">2016 Non-Fatal Accident Details</p> <p style="text-align: center;">18 y/o Male</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uintah County • Hunter Education Trained • Firearm: .263 Rifle • Self-Inflicted • Hunting Elk • Loaded firearm in vehicle, & improper handling of firearm. 	<p style="text-align: center;">(18 y/o Male)</p> <p>Driving in a truck, a 3 person party stopped when they saw some elk. 2 hunters began looking at the elk with binoculars while the victim retrieved the rifle from the truck to use the scope. As he exited, he stumbled & the gun discharged hitting his right leg just below the knee, requiring amputation.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">2016 Non-Fatal Accident Details</p> <p style="text-align: center;">10 y/o Male</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uintah County • Not Hunter Education Trained • Firearm: .22 Rifle • Self-Inflicted • Hunting Rabbits • Careless handling of firearm & improper muzzle control.

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(10 y/o Male)

While hunting with his father, the shooter had his finger on the trigger & the gun pointed at his right foot while he worked his lever action .22. The gun discharged shooting through his big toe breaking the bone & requiring surgery.

2016 Non-Fatal Accident Details

71 y/o Male

- Sevier County
- Not Hunter Education Trained
 - Firearm: 20 ga Shotgun
- Shooter was a 11 y/o Male
- Hunter Education Trained
 - Hunting Chukars
- Victim out of sight of shooter.

(71 y/o Male)

The shooter & his father were hunting when he fired at some birds going up a steep hill without a proper backstop. The victim & his grandson were hunting about 100 yds away, in the area over the hill. The victim was hit with two shot pellets, in the wrist & in the nose.

2016 Non-Fatal Accident Details
40 y/o Male

- Box Elder County
- Hunter Education Trained
 - Firearm: 20 ga Shotgun
- Shooter was a 19 y/o Male
- Hunter Education Trained
 - Hunting Pheasant
- Failure to check beyond target & victim out of sight of shooter.

(40 y/o Male)

While hunting with companions on private land the shooter fired twice at a pheasant, missing both times, knowing there was a house beyond the target. The victim was outside his house & was hit with two pellets, in the cheek & the abdomen. The siding was also damaged.