



**HUNTING INCIDENTS 2008  
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	ST JOSEPH	1/12/08	WATERFOWL	FATAL	N	SHOTGUN	42	14	N	N	VICTIM IN LINE OF FIRE
While geese hunting both parties were in a canoe opposite ends, as the geese flew in, the shooter raised the firearm with finger on trigger and accidentally shot victim.											
2	OAKLAND	2/28/08	PHEASANT	NONFATAL	N	SHOTGUN	58	46	N	N	CARELESS HANDLING OF FIREARM
While attempting to shoot the firearm misfired hitting victim in the foot.											
3	OAKLAND	9/20/08	SQUIRREL	NONFATAL	N	SHOTGUN		16	N	N	FAILURE TO ID TARGET
While walking afield victim was shot in the back of the head.											
4	DELTA	10/8/08	PARTRIDGE	NONFATAL	N	SHOTGUN	65	40			VICTIM OUT OF SIGHT OF SHOOTER
After exiting the ATV the shooter shot at the partridge shooting victim.											
5	IRON	10/11/08	GROUSE	NONFATAL	N	SHOTGUN	51	15	Y	N	CARELESS HANDLING OF FIREARM
While flushing grouse shooter swung on the bird and shot victim.											
6	CLINTON	10/23/08	WATERFOWL	NONFATAL	N	SHOTGUN	37	24	Y	N	VICTIM OUT OF SIGHT OF SHOOTER
Game Law violation Shooter shot across roadway, hitting victim in the chin.											
7	SHIAWASEE	10/31/2008	DEER	NONFATAL	BOW	BOW	58				
STRUCK SELF WITH ARROW WHILE CLIMBING INTO TREESTAND											
8	OGEMAW	11/15/08	DEER	NONFATAL	Y	HANDGUN	58		N/A	N/A	CARELESS HANDLING OF FIREARM
Subject shot self in hand while loading a handgun while preparing for hunt.											
9	WASHTENAW	11/15/2008	UNK	NONFATAL	N	SHOTGUN		67	N/A	N	
Victim was shot by a stray bullet.											
10	MIDLAND	11/16/08	DEER	FATAL	N	RIFLE	26	33	UNK	N/A	VICTIM OUT OF SIGHT OF SHOOTER
Shooter shot at a deer in a field. Bullet continued beyond deer striking victim in chest who was seated in a hunting blind.											
11	EMMET	11/17/08	DEER	NONFATAL	Y	RIFLE	31				CARELESS HANDLING OF FIREARM
While walking from blind to camp, slipped on ice and pulled trigger, shot self in foot.											
12	LENAWEE	11/19/08	WATERFOWL	NONFATAL	N	SHOTGUN	49	41	N	N	VICTIM IN LINE OF FIRE
While attempting to move their boat from shallow water, the firearm fell and discharged hitting victim in the leg.											
13	LAPEER	11/19/08	DEER	NONFATAL	Y	HANDGUN	51				CARELESS HANDLING OF FIREARM
While attempting to drag deer, firearm accidentally discharged.											
14	CHEBOYGAN	11/20/08	DEER	NONFATAL	N	RIFLE	43	3&5	pending	N/A	SHOOTER SWINGING ON GAME
Subject reportedly fired at a deer. Bullet continued and entered daycare facility in background, grazing two children.											
15	SCHOOLCRAFT	11/20/08	SMALL GAME	NONFATAL	Y	UNK	16		N/A	N/A	CARELESS HANDLING OF FIREARM
Subject attempting to clear a malfunction, gun went off striking subject in left foot.											
16	EATON	11/24/2008	DEER	Non-Fatal	Y	SHOTGUN					
WHILE EXITING TREESTAND VICTIM SLIPPED GRABBED FIREARM AND HIT TRIGGER CAUSING DISCHARGE STRIKING FINGER											
17	JACKSON	11/28/08	DEER	NONFATAL	N	SHOTGUN	unk	50s?	unk	N/A	Investigation continuing
Subject shot in face by unknown suspect(s) while deer hunting. Investigation pending.											
18	CALHOUN	11/29/08	DEER	NONFATAL	Y	SHOTGUN	42	n/a	N/A	N/A	CARELESS HANDLING OF FIREARM
Subject set shotgun down and placed hand over the end of the barrel as he did so. Gun went off striking victim in hand.											
19	ST JOSEPH	11/29/08	DEER	NONFATAL	N	SHOTGUN	19		Y		SHOOTER SWINGING ON GAME
Shooter shot at a deer, a shot ricochet striking a house. Hunting within the Safety Zone.											
20	GRAND TRAVERSE	11/30/08	DEER	NONFATAL	Y	RIFLE	37		N/A	N/A	CARELESS HANDLING OF FIREARM
Subject loading gun, shot self in foot while doing so.											
21	ST JOSEPH	12/29/08	SMALL GAME	NONFATAL	Y	SHOTGUN	38		N/A	N/A	CARELESS HANDLING OF FIREARM
Victim was placing a loaded firearm back in vehicle, and firearm discharged hitting victim in right hand											
22	CASS	12/31/08	DEER	NONFATAL	N	SHOTGUN	34	26	N	N	VICTIM OUT OF SIGHT OF SHOOTER
While pushing deer, shooter swung on game, the shot ricocheted hitting victim.											