



# Hunter Education Division Enforcement Program



## *Annual Hunting Incidents Report*

July 1, 2011 — June 30, 2012



**SAFE HUNTING IS NO ACCIDENT**

# HUNTING INCIDENT DATA SUMMARY

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**Please note: There were no fatal hunting incidents this reporting period.**

## Non-fatal Hunting Incidents by Location

Eastern Washington	5
Western Washington	0

## Incident Type

Self-inflicted	1
Shot by person in same party	3
Shot by person outside party	1

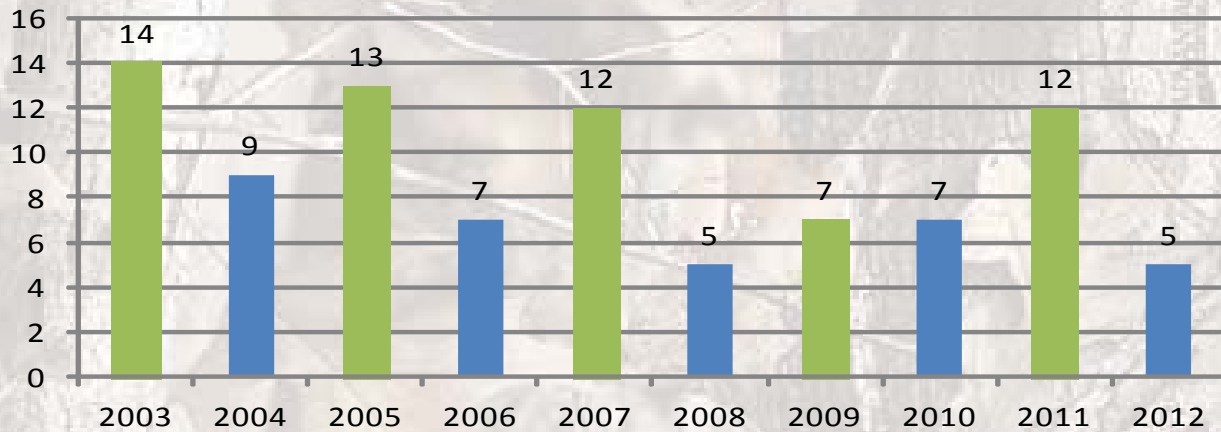
## Incidents by Species

Bear	0
Deer/elk	0
Waterfowl	0
Turkey	1
Upland Birds	3
Other	1

## Incidents by Implement

Shotgun	4
Rifle	1
Handgun	0
Muzzleloader	0
Archery	0

## Total Number of Hunting Incidents by State Fiscal Year



## Details on Hunting Incidents

### ***CAUSE: Careless handling, victim in line of fire***

SHOOTER:	Unk/Under invest.	VICTIM:	36 year-old male
FIREARM:	Shotgun	TYPE:	Non-fatal
COUNTY:	Douglas	BLAZE ORANGE:	N/A
HUNTER ED GRADUATE:	UNK	DATE OF INCIDENT:	09/01/11

### Narrative

Victim was hunting doves near a grove of trees. There were other dove hunters in the area. Victim left his stand to retrieve a dove his hunting partner had shot. While picking up the bird, victim was struck in the back of the head with a single shotgun pellet. The shotgun pellet penetrated victim's scalp and medical attention was required to remove. Victim was unable to identify shooter and where shot had originated.

### ***CAUSE: Careless handling, victim in line of fire***

SHOOTER:	53 year-old male	VICTIM:	55 year-old female
FIREARM:	12 Gauge shotgun	TYPE:	Non-fatal
COUNTY:	Adams	BLAZE ORANGE:	No
HUNTER ED GRADUATE:	No	DATE OF INCIDENT:	01/08/12

### Narrative

A 53 year-old male and his 55 year wife along with his 16-year old son were hunting pheasants. The wife was along to take photographs of her husband and son hunting. The wife had walked ahead of her husband and son to take some photographs when a pheasant flushed between them. The husband shot at the pheasant striking the wife with 4 pellets.



***CAUSE: Careless handling and loaded firearm in vehicle***

SHOOTER:	46 year-old male	VICTIM:	Self
FIREARM:	12 Gauge shotgun	TYPE:	Non-fatal
COUNTY:	Stevens	BLAZE ORANGE:	No
HUNTER ED GRADUATE:	No	DATE OF INCIDENT:	12/01/11

**Narrative**

The shooter/victim was road hunting turkeys from his vehicle. Victim exited his vehicle and shot a turkey wounding it. While he loaded another round in his 12 gauge single shot shotgun, another vehicle drove up behind his. The victim decided to move his vehicle to let the other vehicle pass. Victim placed the cocked shotgun in his vehicle with the muzzle pointing toward him. As victim got into vehicle, the shotgun went off striking the victim just above his left knee in the femur. Shooter/victim was charged with hunting without a license and tag.

***CAUSE: Careless handling, victim in line of fire***

SHOOTER:	Unk/Under invest.	VICTIM:	46 year-old male
FIREARM:	Shotgun	TYPE:	Non-fatal
COUNTY:	Yakima	BLAZE ORANGE:	Yes
HUNTER ED GRADUATE:	UNK	DATE OF INCIDENT:	11/06/11

**Narrative**

Victim was hunting quail and pheasant with eight other hunters. The party split into two groups of hunters and started hunting different parts of a field. A covey of quail got up in front of one of the groups. Multiple members of the hunting party fired at the birds. The victim in other group was hit with multiple shotgun pellets in both hands, face and near one eye. Because of multiple hunters firing, no specific shooter could be identified. One of the hunters within the party did not possess proper hunting license.

***Hunter Education Student Practicing Safe Hunting Procedures***



## **CAUSE: Careless handling, victim in line of fire**

SHOOTER:	14 year-old male	VICTIM:	13 year-old male
FIREARM:	.22 rimfire	TYPE:	Non-fatal
COUNTY:	Lincoln	BLAZE ORANGE:	N/A
HUNTER ED GRADUATE:	Yes	DATE OF INCIDENT:	02/04/12

### **Narrative**

The victim and shooter were hunting rabbits with a 22 L.R. semi-auto rifles. A rabbit flushed in front of them and ran into an irrigation pipe. The victim went to one end of the pipe while the shooter went to the other end. The victim bent over to look into the pipe. As he did so, he was struck in the face by fragment from a single 22 L.R. bullet that the shooter had shot into the other end of the pipe. The bullet fragment penetrated the bridge of the victim's nose and sinus cavity and lodged next to his upper vertebra. Shooter did not possess hunting license.

## *Cardinal Rules of Firearm Safety*

- *Treat all firearms as if they are loaded and always keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction.*
- *Be sure of your target and what is beyond it.*
- *Keep your finger outside the trigger guard until ready to fire.*
- *Never carry or place a loaded firearm in or on a motor vehicle.*
- *Never use a firearm that you are unfamiliar with and never use a firearm (that is not yours) without the owner's permission.*
- *Be sure the action and barrel are clear of obstructions.*
- *Never cross a fence, stream, or obstacle with a loaded firearm.*
- *Never point a firearm at anything you do not want to shoot.*
- *Unload firearms when not in use and store ammunition in a separate place away from firearm.*
- *Never use alcohol or drugs before or during shooting.*



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