



ANNUAL HUNTING INCIDENT REPORT

LICENSE YEAR 2012

April 1, 2012 - March 31, 2013



A successful hunt, as shown above, is defined by the memories made during a safe time afield

SAFE HUNTING IS NO ACCIDENT

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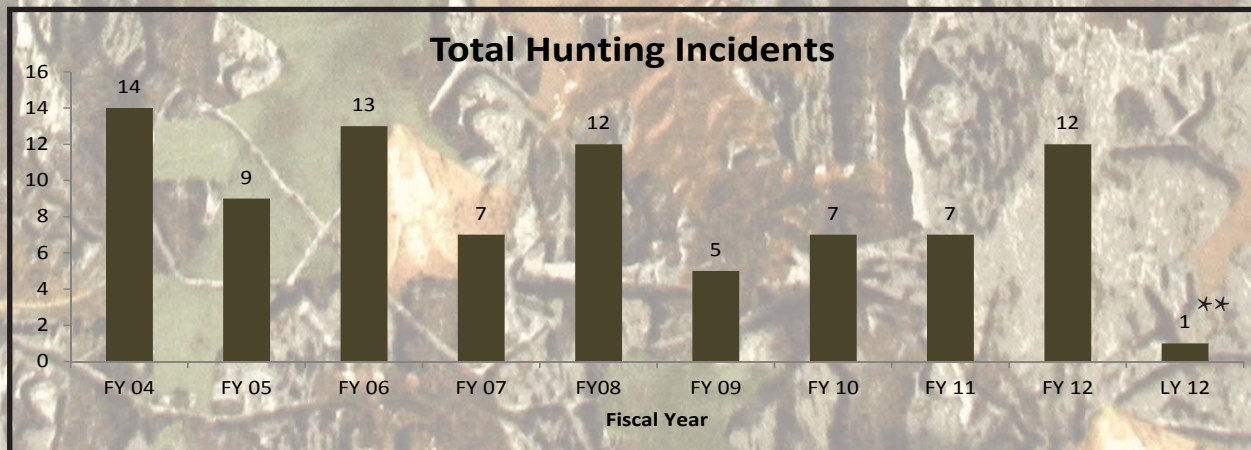


HUNTING INCIDENT DATA SUMMARY

April 1, 2012 - March 31, 2013

Total Number of Hunting Incidents: 1

TOTAL INCIDENTS			
	Fatal	Non-fatal	Total
	0	1	1
SPECIES PURSUED AT TIME OF INCIDENT			
	Fatal	Non-fatal	Total
Bear	0	0	0
Deer/elk	0	1	1
Waterfowl	0	0	0
Turkey	0	0	0
Upland Birds	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0
LOCATION			
Eastern Washington	0	1	1
Western Washington	0	0	0
INCIDENT TYPE			
Self-inflicted	0	1	1
Shot by person in same party	0	0	0
Shot by person outside of party	0	0	0
Undetermined	0	0	0
HUNTING IMPLEMENT			
Shotgun	0	0	0
Rifle	0	1	1
Handgun	0	0	0
Muzzle-loader	0	0	0
Archery	0	0	0



* Between 2012 and 2013 WDFW began tabulating incidents by license year (LY) as opposed to fiscal year (FY). No incident was double counted during this conversion.

**This incident is being included in this report at information only. It was not incorporated into any of the annual statistics because it does not meet the criteria set forth in RCW 77.15.720.

NON-FATAL INCIDENT

Cause: Careless handling, victim in line of fire

Shooter:	Self	Victim:	85 Year Old Male
Firearm:	Rifle	Type:	Non-fatal
County:	Yakima	Blaze Orange:	Yes
Hunter Ed Grad.:	No	Date of Incident:	10/31/2012

Victim was hiking on an old game trail while elk hunting. After losing his footing and falling, the victim used his rifle as a crutch to help him get off the ground. As he was standing the rifle discharged striking him in the left forearm. The victim was able to apply a tourniquet to the wound, likely preventing this from becoming a fatal incident. Due to the remote location of the incident it was over three hours before the victim received additional first aid. The injury resulted in the eventual amputation of his left hand.

Photos taken during safe & successful hunts



Safe hunters with their harvest

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FATAL INCIDENT: Non-RCW 77.15.720 incident

Cause: Failure to wear fall arrest device

Shooter:	N/A	Victim:	66 Year Old Male
Firearm:	N/A	Type:	Fatal
County:	Jefferson	Blaze Orange:	N/A
Hunter Ed Grad.:	No	Date of Incident:	10/27/2012

Victim was hunting deer from a tree-stand near an abandoned logging road. The victim called 911 to report that he had fallen from the tree stand and was in need of medical assistance. Officers located the victim and provided first aid, but the victim succumbed to his injuries prior to reaching the hospital. A search of the area found that one screw-in pegs had pulled free from the tree. Officers were unable to determine if the victim fell from the tree stand or fell while climbing into the stand.

Photos taken during safe & successful hunts



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.*
- *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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