



**SAFE HUNTING
IS NO ACCIDENT**



ANNUAL HUNTING INCIDENT REPORT

LICENSE YEAR 2013
April 1, 2013 - March 31, 2014



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

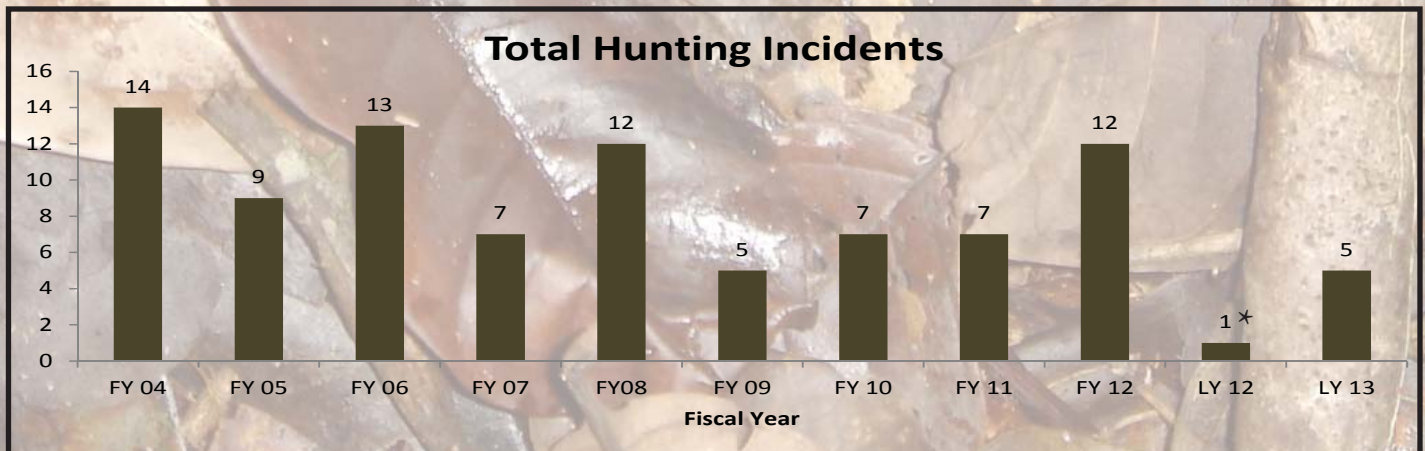
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HUNTING INCIDENT DATA SUMMARY

April 1, 2013 - March 31, 2014

Total Number of Hunting Incidents: 5

TOTAL INCIDENTS			
	Fatal	Non-fatal	Total
	2	3	5
SPECIES PURSUED AT TIME OF INCIDENT			
	Fatal	Non-fatal	Total
Bear	0	0	0
Deer/elk	1	1	2
Waterfowl	0	1	1
Turkey	0	0	0
Upland Birds	1	0	1
Other	0	1	1
LOCATION			
Eastern Washington	1	1	2
Western Washington	1	2	3
INCIDENT TYPE			
Self-inflicted	1	2	3
Shot by person in same party	0	1	1
Shot by person outside of party	0	0	0
Undetermined	1	0	1
HUNTING IMPLEMENT			
Shotgun	1	1	2
Rifle	1	1	2
Handgun	0	1	1
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.

FATAL INCIDENTS

Cause: Unknown- Reckless Handling of Firearm

Shooter:	Unknown	Victim:	16 year old male
Firearm:	Rifle	Type:	Fatal
County:	Pend Oreille	Blaze Orange:	Yes
Hunter Ed Grad.:	Unknown	Date of Incident:	11/15/13

Victim was hunting deer with a group of family and friends in Eastern Washington. The victim was found deceased by a member of his hunting group later in the day. Subsequent investigation found that the victim died as the result of a single gunshot, where the bullet entered the left side of his body and exited the right side. Investigation of this incident was unable to identify the shooter.

Cause: Loaded Firearm in Vehicle and Careless Handling

Shooter:	Self	Victim:	44 year old male
Firearm:	Shotgun	Type:	Fatal
County:	King	Blaze Orange:	Yes
Hunter Ed Grad.:	No	Date of Incident:	11/30/13

Victim was found deceased next to his vehicle on a pheasant release site. The victim's shotgun had a plastic clip stuck in the trigger guard and was dangling from the rear passenger door. The victim suffered two close range shotgun wounds to his chest.

Photos taken during safe & successful hunts



NON-FATAL INCIDENTS

Cause: Loaded Firearm in Vehicle and Careless Handling

Shooter:	Self	Victim:	71 year old
Firearm:	Handgun	Type:	Non-fatal
County:	Grays Harbor	Blaze Orange:	No
Hunter Ed Grad.:	No	Date of Incident:	10/5/2013

Victim was driving on a logging road while elk hunting and spotted a grouse in the brush along the road. The victim attempted to shoot the grouse with a small caliber pistol while remaining in the vehicle. As a Fish and Wildlife Officer, who witnessed the incident, attempted to make contact, the victim shot himself in the thigh. The Fish and Wildlife Officer secured the scene and provided first aid to the victim, saving his life.

Cause: Loaded Firearm in Vehicle, Careless Handling, and Shooter Swinging on Game

Shooter:	Member of Party	Victim:	12 year old male
Firearm:	Rifle	Type:	Non-fatal
County:	Whitman	Blaze Orange:	Yes
Hunter Ed Grad.:	Yes	Date of Incident:	10/26/13

Victim and two other individuals were riding in a Polaris off-road vehicle (ORV) while hunting for elk. While shooting at a legal bull, the victim began to have chest pains and only later realized that he had been shot in the chest. One of the hunters, shooting from the ORV, shot towards the elk. The bullet struck the roll-bar and subsequently struck the victim.

Cause: Trigger caught on subject and careless handling

Shooter:	Self	Victim:	24 year old male
Firearm:	Shotgun	Type:	Non-fatal
County:	Skagit	Blaze Orange:	No
Hunter Ed Grad.:	Yes	Date of Incident:	1/9/14

Victim was hunting ducks from a layout blind in a field. The victim was holding his shotgun across his chest with the barrel pointed at his feet. At some point the shotgun discharged striking the victim in his foot. The victim reported during an interview that he was not utilizing the safety mechanism on the shotgun.



Safe hunters with their harvest

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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