



## 2013 Hunting Incidents

This is a summary of the Hunting Incident reports for 2013. Overall, there were 8 incidents that were reported, two of which were fatalities. As can be seen by looking at the incidents, it is true that a moment of carelessness can lead to a lifetime of consequences. Hopefully this will provide good training material for your hunter education classes.

Date	County	Fatal	Summary of Incident
01/19/2013	Delta	No	Two friends had been out hunting waterfowl and returned to their truck. Shooter was at the driver's side with the door open unloading his shotgun. Victim was on the passenger side with his door open. While the shooter was unloading his semi-auto shotgun, he placed his finger on the trigger while attempting to eject the last round and shot his friend in the shoulder. Careless handling of firearm.
09/01/2013	Morgan	No	Five hunters met up on the opener of dove season. They spread out in a stand of trees, but they could still see one another. Dove flew between two hunters, one swung on the dove, past his safe zone of fire, and hit the other hunter with pellets. Swinging on game, zones of fire.
09/01/2013	Jackson	No	Person had been fishing all day and headed back to camp. Getting ready to hunt grouse the next day, the hunter decided to practice with his .22 caliber revolver. While unloading birdshot and reloading with standard ammo, the hunter attempted to cock the hammer. The hammer slipped from his grasp and struck the firing pin causing the gun to fire, injuring himself. Careless handling of firearm.
10/11/2013	Jackson	No	Hunter was loading gear into his boat and had his shotgun, loaded with the safety off, sitting in the boat too. Shotgun "went off," striking hunter in the left leg. Careless handling of firearm.
10/19/2013	Chaffee	Yes	Family was out hunting for big game. Teenage boy got ahead of the group as they headed back to the vehicle. Parents heard a single gunshot and thought teenager must have spotted an animal. Teenager was found with single gunshot wound to the chest.
10/22/2013	Jackson	No	Hunter was in dense timber and spotted some elk. While attempting to get a shot on the elk, hunter took his safety off. While trying to catch up to the elk, he needed to cross a downed tree. While using his rifle as a cane, it discharged and took the tip of a finger off. Careless handling of firearm.
11/02/2013	Saguache	No	Hunter was in the field looking for rabbits. Shooter was also hunting for rabbits. Shooter shot toward a rabbit, striking the victim in the face. Shooter did not have hunter education. Careless hunting, failure to identify target and beyond.
12/27/2013	San Miguel	Yes	Three hunters were out at night hunting coyotes and bobcats. Two hunters were set together. The third hunter (the victim) placed an electronic call and set up west of them by himself. After the call ran for 5 minutes, the two hunters sitting together scanned the area south and west of them. Believing they saw eye reflections, one hunter shot hitting the hunter set by himself. Failure to identify target.