

HUNTING INCIDENTS

1. SHOOTER: 22 year-old male VICTIM: 44 year-old male
FIREARM: 12-gauge shotgun TYPE: Non-Fatal
COUNTY: Yakima BLAZE ORANGE: YES
HUNTER ED GRADUATE: Yes DATE OF INCIDENT: 11/24/07

NARRATIVE:

The victim was hunting quail with a party of six hunters. The victim was hunting high ground along a dirt road; his hunting partners were about 40 yards in front of him or to his left side. A quail flushed and flew towards the victim, who was struck in the face when the shooter discharged his firearm.

CAUSE: Victim covered by shooter swinging on game

2. SHOOTER: 23 year-old male VICTIM: 21 year-old female
FIREARM: .30-06 rifle TYPE: Non-fatal
COUNTY: Skagit BLAZE ORANGE: N/A
HUNTER ED GRADUATE: Yes DATE OF ACCIDENT: 12/5/07

NARRATIVE:

The victim had been bowhunting with a friend. As they were leaving the hunting area, the shooter saw a grouse near the road. The shooter exited the vehicle while the passenger remained seated inside, stood on the driver's side with his door open and used a .30-06 rifle to fire across the roofline at the grouse, striking the passenger with bullet and metal fragments.

CAUSE: Loaded gun in a motor vehicle

3. SHOOTER: 45 year-old male VICTIM: 53 year-old male
FIREARM: 12-gauge shotgun TYPE: Non-fatal
COUNTY: Lewis BLAZE ORANGE: N/A
HUNTER ED GRADUATE: Yes DATE OF ACCIDENT: 1/5/08

NARRATIVE:

The shooter was waterfowl hunting from a drift boat. The shooter saw and shot at a duck as he and another hunting companion were waiting in slack water for others in their hunting party. The shot hit the duck—but also struck a non-hunting person 145 yards away on the shore with a pellet in the neck and a pellet bruise to the chest. Other pellets caused \$1,500 in damage to a motor home and \$1,000 in vehicle damage. The shooter was charged with reckless endangerment. Members of the hunting party had been drinking but it was unclear whether they had been drinking before the incident took place.

CAUSE: Victim covered by shooter swinging on game

4. SHOOTER: 18 year-old male VICTIM: 15 year-old male
FIREARM: 12-gauge shotgun TYPE: Non-fatal
COUNTY: Yakima BLAZE ORANGE: N/A
HUNTER ED GRADUATE: Yes DATE OF ACCIDENT: 1/6/08

NARRATIVE: The shooter, victim and three others were waterfowl hunting very late in the afternoon. At least three of the hunters shot at a goose, which fell into the water. As the hunters split up to look for the fallen goose, the shooter heard splashing in the water. The shooter reported that he couldn't really see, but fired anyway, striking the victim (some 50 feet away) in the face and one eye. The shooter was charged with hunting after hours.

CAUSE: Victim mistaken for game

5. SHOOTER: 13 year-old male VICTIM: 27 year-old male
FIREARM: 12 gauge shotgun TYPE: Non-fatal
COUNTY: Pend Oreille BLAZE ORANGE: No
HUNTER ED GRADUATE: No DATE OF ACCIDENT: 5/13/08

NARRATIVE: The report for this hunting incident is incomplete as of this time.

CAUSE: Victim mistaken for game

July 1, 2007 — June 30, 2008

	<u>Fatal Incidents</u>	<u>Non-Fatal Incidents</u>	<u>Total Incidents</u>
Eastern Washington	0	3	3
Western Washington	<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>
	0	5	5

SHOOTER STATUS, TYPE OF FIREARM, NUMBER OF INCIDENTS

<u>Shooter Status</u>	<u>*Number of Incidents</u>	<u>Firearm Type</u>	<u>Fatal</u>	<u>Non-Fatal</u>	<u>*Total</u>
Self-inflicted	0	Shotgun	0	4	4
Shot by someone in same party	3	Rifle	0	1	1
Shot by someone outside party	1	Handgun	0	0	0
Livestock	<u>0</u>	Muzzleloader	0	0	0
Total	4	Archery	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
			0	5	5

* Not all incident details are available at the time of this report.

SPECIES BEING PURSUED AT TIME OF INCIDENT

<u>Species</u>	<u>Number Fatal Incidents</u>	<u>Number Non-Fatal Incidents</u>	<u>Total Incidents</u>
Upland birds/grouse	0	2	2
Deer/elk	0	0	0
Waterfowl	0	2	2
Coyote	0	0	0
Other	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	0	4	4

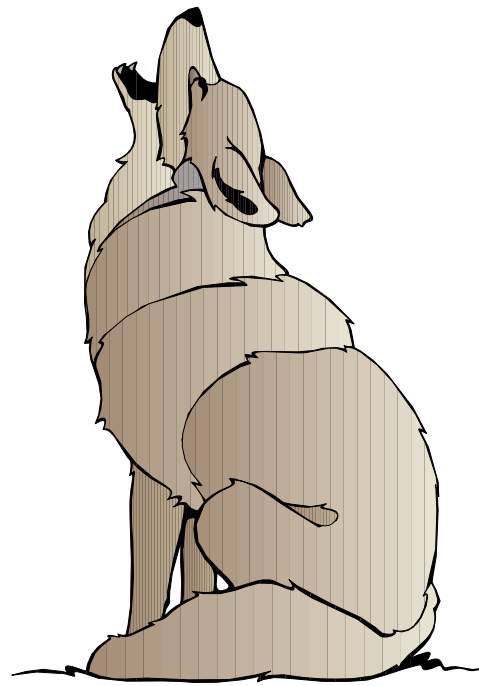
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