



Horse Safety

2021 Results

About the survey

In September of 2021 the Dude Ranchers' Association administered a survey to the member ranches, of which 54 ranches answered questions regarding the type, number and seriousness of injuries sustained to their guests during the 2021 season.

The results show a 'good report card' for the dude ranch industry. There was a total of **641,854 hours in the saddle** for the ranches who answered the survey.

91 injuries required medical attention from a total of 46,798 guests. That is a rate of injury much less than half of 1 percent of the number of all guests reported at 0.19%.

The below charts represent more information on data gathered in this survey.

Helmet Policies

Two year comparison for helmet policies

Answer Options	2020 Number of Ranches	2021 Number of Ranches
Helmetts are provided upon request	33	37
Helmetts are mandatory	1	1
Helmetts are mandatory for children only	17	17
Helmetts are mandatory for children of a certain age	15	9
Do not supply helmetts	7	18
Answered Question	46	53

Helmet use during the season

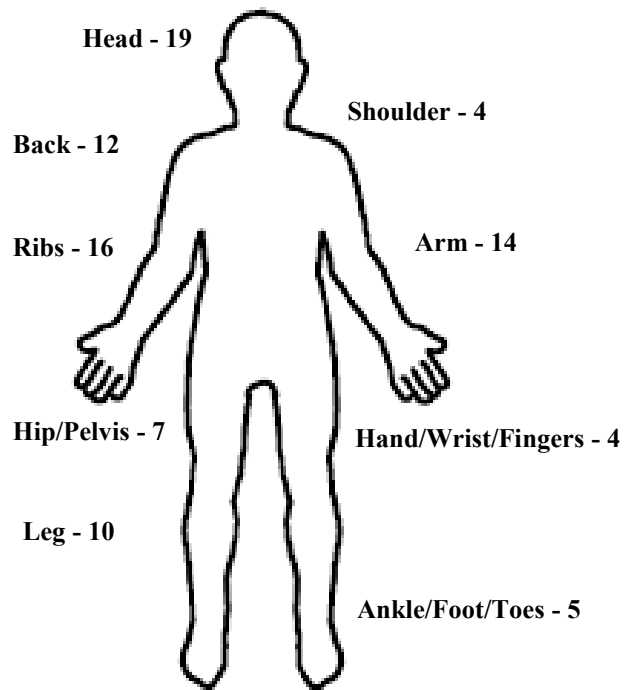
Answer Options	Less than 10%	11 to 25%	26 to 50%	75% or More
What percentage requested helmetts?	28	15	6	4
What percentage brought helmetts?	39	14	0	0

Spontaneous Dismounts

Survey Question	Response Total
How many "spontaneous dismounts" did your guests have that did NOT require medical attention?	494



Body Parts Injured	
<i>Where was the location of the injury on the body?</i>	
Location of Injury	Total
Head	19
Ribs	16
Arm	14
Back	12
Leg	10
Hip/Pelvis	7
Ankle/Foot/Toes	5
Wrist/Hand/Fingers	4
Shoulder	4



Age of Person Injured								
<i>How old was the injured person?</i>								
Age	3-10	11-20	21-30	31-40	41-50	51-60	61-70	71+
Total	1	11	10	8	15	18	16	12

Injuries Requiring Medical Attention

<i>Occurred During</i>	
Activity	Number of Injuries
Walk Ride	40
Lope Ride	28
Other Activities*	12
Mounting Up	4
Lessons	6
Dismounting	1
Team Penning	0
Wagon Rides	0

<i>Caused By</i>	
Cause of Injury	Number of Injuries
Shying	35
Other Causes*	22
Stumbling	11
Bolting	7
Falling to Knees	6
Rearing	3
Biting/Kicking	2
Bucking	2
Loose Cinches	2
Rolling	1

*Other Activities - Ground Working, Trot Ride, Taking a Group Photo, Cattle Clinic, Reaching for Dropped Rein.
 *Other Causes - Ground Wasps/Bees, Loss of Rider Balance, Loss of Control by Rider, Rider had Seizure, Poor Footing, Wildlife, Horse Stepped on Guests Foot, Guest Fell Off While Standing.

Thank you for your participation!

