



# Horse Safety

## 2019 Results

### About the survey

In September of 2019 the Dude Ranchers' Association administered a survey to the member ranches, of which 66 ranches answered questions regarding the type, number and seriousness of injuries sustained to their guests during the 2019 season.

The results show a 'good report card' for the dude ranch industry. There was a total of 646,770 hours in the saddle for the ranches who answered the survey.

99 injuries required medical attention from a total of 52,084 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 the injuries that required medical attention.

<b>Helmet Policies</b>		
<i>Two year comparison for helmet policies</i>		
<i>Answer Options</i>	<i>2019 Number of Ranches</i>	<i>2018 Number of Ranches</i>
Helmetns are provided upon request	46	47
Helmetns are mandatory	1	1
Helmetns are mandatory for children only	23	20
Do not supply helmetns	12	11
Answered Question	66	64

<b>Helmet use during the season</b>				
<i>Answer Options</i>	<i>Less than 10%</i>	<i>11 to 25%</i>	<i>26 to 50%</i>	<i>75% or More</i>
What percentage requested helmetns?	34	15	15	2
What percentage brought helmetns?	49	12	5	0

<b>Spontaneous Dismounts</b>	
<i>Survey Question</i>	<i>Response Total</i>
How many "spontaneous dismounts" did your guests have that did NOT require medical attention?	508

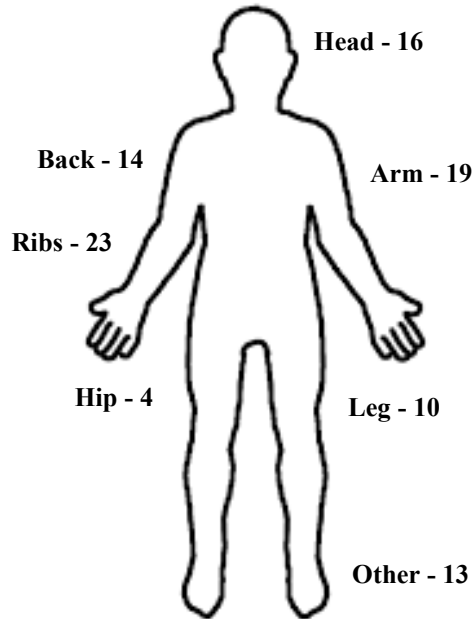


## Body Parts Injured

Where was the location of the injury on the body?

Location of Injury	Head	Arm	Leg	Hip	Ribs	Back	Other*
<b>Total</b>	16	19	10	4	23	14	13

\*Other locations injured on the body - Shoulder, groin, wrists, eye, hand, collar bone.



## Injuries Requiring Medical Attention

Occurred During	
Activity	Number of Injuries
Lope Ride	38
Walk Ride	40
Other Activities*	6
Mounting Up	4
Lessons	6
Dismounting	3
Team Penning	2
Wagon Rides	0

Caused By	
Cause of Injury	Number of Injuries
Other Causes*	28
Shying	46
Stumbling	12
Biting/Kicking	1
Rearing	0
Bolting	2
Falling to knees	4
Bucking	6
Loose Cinches	0
Rolling	0

\*Other Activities - loping in the arena and trotting tag.

\*Other Causes - 6 incidences of rider losing balance while riding, 3 bee stings/ground bees, 3 falling off due to unknown causes, 2 tree limbs, 1 guest on cell phone, muddy trail, 2 loss of control, sudden stop while loping.

**Thank you for your participation!**

