



Horse Safety Survey

2022 Results

About the Survey

In October of 2022 the Dude Ranchers' Association and Dude Ranch Foundation administered a survey to DRA member ranches, of which 72 ranches answered questions regarding the type, number and seriousness of injuries sustained to their guests during the 2022 season.

The results show a 'good report card' for the dude ranch industry. There was a total of **702,784 hours in the saddle** for the ranches who answered the survey.

156 injuries required medical attention from a total of 105,455 guests. That is a rate of injury much less than half of 1 percent of the number of all guests reported at 0.15%.

Helmet Policies

Two year comparison for helmet policies

Answer Options	2021 Number of Ranches	2022 Number of Ranches
Helmets are provided upon request	37	55
Helmets are mandatory	1	2
Helmets are mandatory for children only	17	27
Helmets are mandatory for children of a certain age	9	29
Do not supply helmets	18	11
Answered Question	53	72

Helmet use during the season

Answer Options	Less than 10%	11 to 25%	26 to 50%	51% or More
What percentage requested helmets?	40	20	6	6
What percentage brought helmets?	61	9	2	0

Spontaneous Dismounts

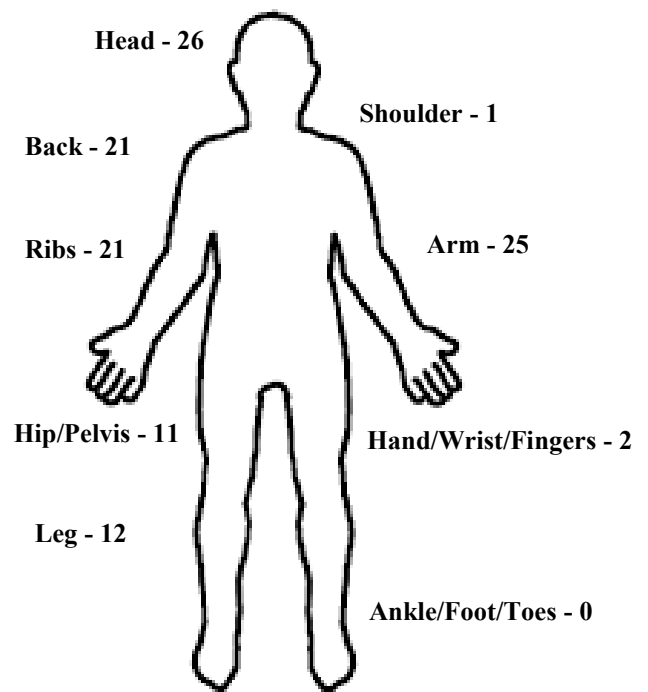
Survey Question	Response Total
How many "spontaneous dismounts" did your guests have that did NOT require medical attention?	674

Ranches Whose Wranglers Participated in the DRF Wrangler Training Program in the Last 3 Years

Yes	37
No	35



Body Parts Injured	
<i>Where was the location of the injury on the body?</i>	
Location of Injury	Total
Head	26
Ribs	21
Arm	25
Back	21
Leg	12
Hip/Pelvis	11
Ankle/Foot/Toes	0
Wrist/Hand/Fingers	2
Shoulder	1



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	10	10	12	26	19	15	3

Injuries Requiring Medical Attention

<i>Occurred During</i>	
Activity	Number of Injuries
Walk Ride	58
Lope Ride	68
Other Activities*	34
Mounting Up	14
Lessons	6
Dismounting	8
Team Penning	2
Wagon Rides	1

<i>Caused By</i>	
Cause of Injury	Number of Injuries
Shying	58
Other Causes*	2
Stumbling	21
Bolting	18
Falling to Knees	7
Rearing	4
Biting/Kicking	6
Bucking	11
Loose Cinches	2
Rolling	6

*Other Activities - Tying Horse Up, E-Bikes & Mountain Bikes Passing, Arena Riding

*Other Causes - Ground Wasps/Bees, Loss of Rider Balance, Loss of Control by Rider, Wagon Being Too Heavy

Thank you for your participation!

