



Horse Safety Survey

2023 Results

About the Survey

In October of 2023 the Dude Ranchers' Association and Dude Ranch Foundation administered a survey to DRA member ranches, of which 68 ranches answered questions regarding the type, number and seriousness of injuries sustained to their guests during the 2023 season.

The results show a 'good report card' for the dude ranch industry. There was a total of **670,638 hours in the saddle** for the ranches who answered the survey.

110 injuries required medical attention from a total of 90,691 guests. That is a rate of injury much less than half of 1 percent of the number of all guests reported at 0.12%.

Helmet Policies

Two year comparison for helmet policies

Answer Options	2022 Number of Ranches	2023 Number of Ranches
Helmet are provided upon request	55	52
Helmet are mandatory	2	2
Helmet are mandatory for children only	27	29
Helmet are mandatory for children of a certain age	29	12
Do not supply helmet	11	8
Answered Question	72	68

Helmet use during the season

Answer Options	Less than 10%	11 to 25%	26 to 50%	51% or More
What percentage requested helmet?	34	21	10	3
What percentage brought helmet?	55	11	1	1

Spontaneous Dismounts

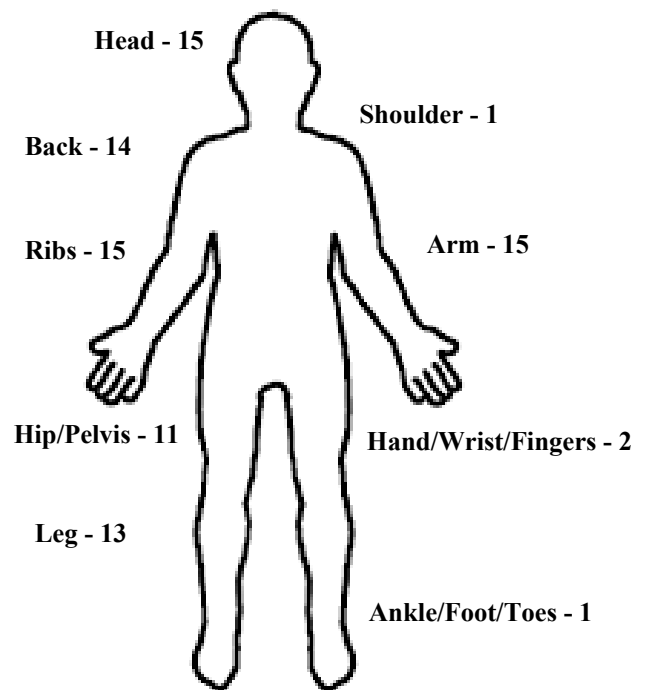
Survey Question	Response Total
How many "spontaneous dismounts" did your guests have that did NOT require medical attention?	431

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

Yes	48
No	20



Body Parts Injured	
<i>Where was the location of the injury on the body?</i>	
Location of Injury	Total
Head	15
Ribs	15
Arm	15
Back	14
Leg	13
Hip/Pelvis	11
Ankle/Foot/Toes	1
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	0	4	4	6	10	16	17	6

Injuries Requiring Medical Attention			
<i>Occurred During</i>		<i>Caused By</i>	
Activity	Number of Injuries	Cause of Injury	Number of Injuries
Mounting Up	3	Shying/Spooking	37
Dismounting	7	Stumbling	15
Lessons	6	Falling to Knees	4
Lope Ride	27	Bucking	8
Walk Ride	40	Rearing	2
Team Penning	2	Bolting	4
Wagon Rides	0	Rolling	7
Other Activities	25	Biting/Kicking	4
		Loose Cinches	4
		Other Causes	25

*Other Activities - Cattle Drives, Obstacle Course, Trotting Ride, Overnight Trip

*Other Causes - Loss of Rider Balance, Loss of Control by Rider, Riders not Following Instructions

Thank you for your participation!

