



Horse Safety Survey

2024 Results

About the Survey

In October of 2024 the Dude Ranchers' Association and Dude Ranch Foundation administered a survey to DRA member ranches, of which 81 ranches answered questions regarding the type, number and seriousness of injuries sustained to their guests during the 2024 season.

The results show a 'good report card' for the dude ranch industry. There was a total of **753,333 hours in the saddle** for the ranches who answered the survey.

106 injuries required medical attention from a total of 102,345 guests. That is a rate of injury much less than half of 1 percent of the number of all guests reported at 0.10%.

Helmet Policies

Two year comparison for helmet policies

Answer Options	2023 Number of Ranches	2024 Number of Ranches
Helmet are provided upon request	52	57
Helmet are mandatory	2	2
Helmet are mandatory for children only	29	32
Helmet are mandatory for children of a certain age	12	21
Do not supply helmet	8	8
Answered Question	68	82

Helmet use during the season

Answer Options	Less than 10%	11 to 25%	26 to 50%	51% or More
What percentage requested helmet?	37	33	7	4
What percentage brought helmet?	66	12	2	1

Spontaneous Dismounts

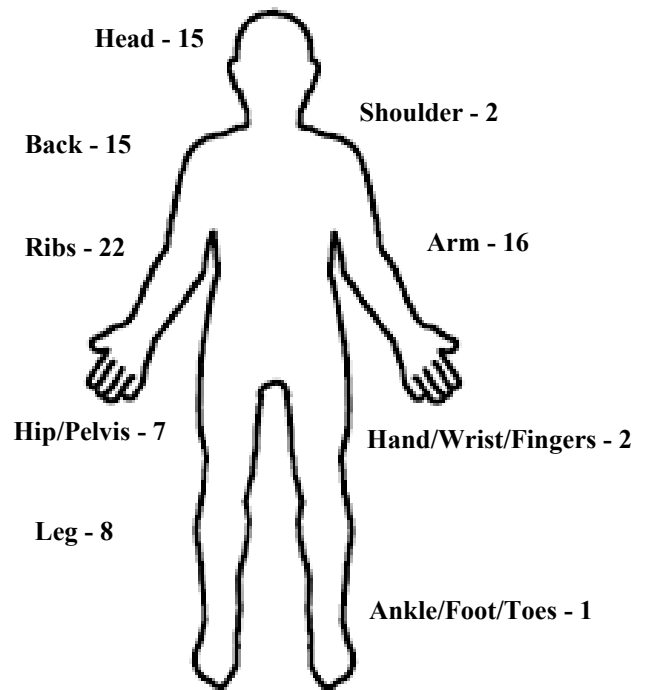
Survey Question	Response Total
How many "spontaneous dismounts" did your guests have that did NOT require medical attention?	669

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

Yes	48
No	33



Body Parts Injured	
<i>Where was the location of the injury on the body?</i>	
Location of Injury	Total
Head	15
Ribs	22
Arm	16
Back	15
Leg	8
Hip/Pelvis	7
Ankle/Foot/Toes	1
Wrist/Hand/Fingers	2
Shoulder	2



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	2	6	5	6	14	24	23	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	5	Shying/Spooking	27
Dismounting	5	Stumbling	13
Lessons	10	Falling to Knees	12
Lope Ride	34	Bucking	4
Walk Ride	41	Rearing	2
Team Penning	5	Bolting	6
Wagon Rides	0	Rolling	1
Other Activities	6	Biting/Kicking	6
		Loose Cinches	1
		Other Causes	34

*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!

