



Horse Safety Survey

2025 Results

About the Survey

In October 2025, the Dude Ranchers' Association and the Dude Ranch Foundation launched a safety survey of DRA member ranches, with 75 ranches sharing comprehensive data on the types, frequency, and severity of guest injuries from the 2025 season.

The results reflect an outstanding safety record for the dude ranch industry. Guests logged a total of **771,152 hours in the saddle** at responding ranches.

Only 104 injuries required medical attention from a total of 125,080 guests, resulting in an injury rate significantly below half of one percent, or about one injury for every 1,200 guests.

Helmet Policies

Two year comparison for helmet policies

Answer Options	2024 Number of Ranches	2025 Number of Ranches
Helmets are provided upon request	57	54
Helmets are mandatory	2	1
Helmets are mandatory for children only	32	34
Helmets are mandatory for children of a certain age	21	32
Do not supply helmets	8	8
Answered Question	82	75

Helmet use during the season

Answer Options	Less than 10%	11 to 25%	26 to 50%	51% or More
What percentage requested helmets?	38	30	6	3
What percentage brought helmets?	50	20	4	1

Unscheduled Dismounts

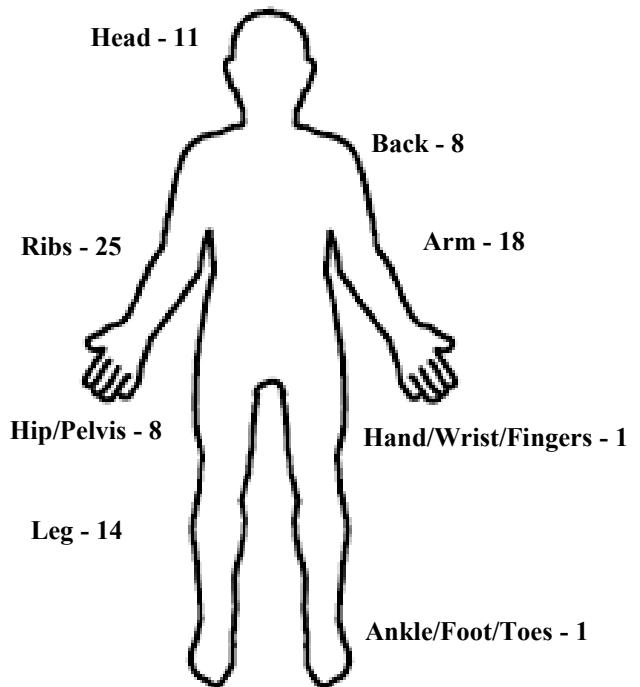
Survey Question	Response Total
How many "unscheduled dismounts" did your guests have that did NOT require medical attention?	584

Ranches whose Wranglers participated in the DRF Wrangler Training Program in the Last 3 Years

Yes	42
No	33



Body Parts Injured	
Where was the location of the injury on the body?	
Location of Injury	Total
Head	11
Ribs	25
Arm	18
Back	8
Leg	14
Hip/Pelvis	8
Ankle/Foot/Toes	1
Wrist/Hand/Fingers	1
Other	9



Age of Person Injured								
How old was the injured person?								
Age	3-10	11-20	21-30	31-40	41-50	51-60	61-70	71+
Total	2	5	3	5	13	29	18	12

Occurred During		Caused By	
Activity	Number of Injuries	Cause of Injury	Number of Injuries
Mounting Up	1	Shying/Spooking	30
Dismounting	3	Stumbling	20
Lessons	4	Falling to Knees	6
Lope Ride	41	Bucking	4
Walk Ride	58	Rearing	0
Team Penning	3	Bolting	5
Wagon Rides	0	Rolling	2
Other Activities	17	Kicking	9
		Loose Cinches	4
		Animals/Bees	10

*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!

