



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 |

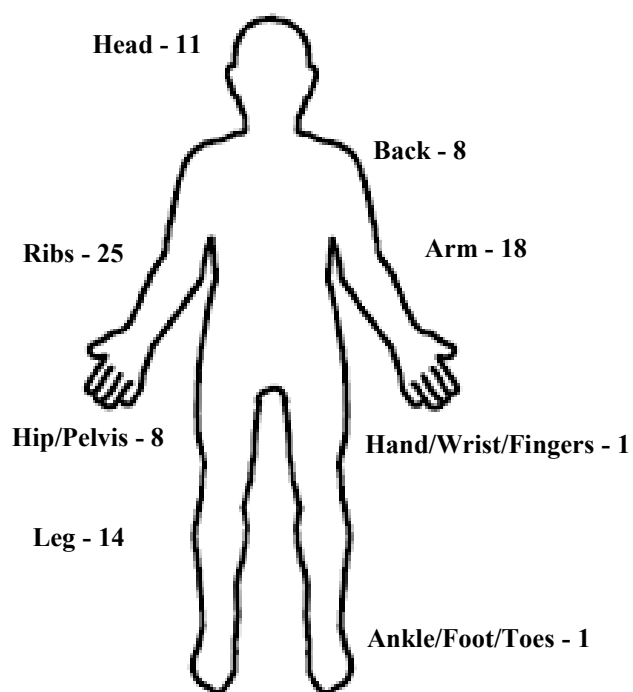
| Helmet use during the season | | | | |
|------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|-----------|-------------|
| Answer Options | Less than 10% | 11 to 25% | 26 to 50% | 51% or More |
| What percentage requested helmets? | 38 | 30 | 6 | 3 |
| What percentage brought helmets? | 50 | 20 | 4 | 1 |
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| Unscheduled Dismounts | |
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| 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 | |
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| Yes | 42 |
| No | 33 |



| Body Parts Injured | |
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| 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 |

| Injuries Requiring Medical Attention | | | |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| 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!

