

Please provide me with the number of armed officers who have discharged their firearm by mistake. Please provide me with the number broken down by the following years:

- 2010 - 2011
- 2011 - 2012
- 2012 - 2013
- 2013 - 2014
- 2014 - 2015
- 2015 – 2016

Please provide the circumstances for each accidental fire, including details of what was shot and any injuries caused (who was injured and what the injury was).

Year	Details	Injury	Person Injured	Type of injury
2010-2011	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
2011-2012	Officer caught trigger on foot, when weapon was in vehicle foot well	Nil	Nil	Nil
2011-2012	Trigger caught on officer's clothing whilst weapon was slung and officer was using forcible entry equipment	Officer standing nearby received injury to lower leg from ricocheting round	Police Officer	Small puncture wound to lower leg
2011-2012	Officer unloading weapon in unloading bay	Nil	Nil	Nil
2012-2013	Officer unloading weapon in unloading bay	Nil	Nil	Nil
2013-2014	Officer unloading weapon in unloading bay	Perforated eardrum	Police Officer	Temporary partial loss of hearing
2014-2015	Officer unloading weapon in unloading bay	Nil	Nil	Nil
2014-2015	Officer unloading weapon in unloading bay	Nil	Nil	Nil
2015-2016	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

Please can you provide me with the number of incidents which have required a firearms officer to discharge their firearm according to the time frame above.

Year	Number of Incidents
2010-2011	2
2011-2012	1
2012-2013	3
2013-2014	1
2014-2015	1
2015-2016	3

Note that the above operational discharges relate to incidents where firearms have been discharged against people or animals – it includes less lethal weaponry as well as lethal, but does not include

- Use of Taser
- Tyre deflation for vehicle incapacitation

Please note that subsequent to gathering the data for this request, the following incident occurred:

<https://www.west-midlands.police.uk/latest-news/news.aspx?id=4223>

Please also note the following definitions used by the service nationally.

A 'Negligent Discharge' may be defined as the negligent discharge of a weapon caused by an act, which could and should have been foreseen and prevented. This act would be accompanied by a degree of negligence or recklessness.

An 'Accidental Discharge' may be defined as the accidental discharging of a weapon caused by mechanical malfunction of the weapon, or malfunction of ammunition. It could also be caused by a physical event that could not be prevented or foreseen by the user.