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USA: Captive Bear Statistics – Human Fatalities 1990 – 2008

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How often does a captive bear kill?

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Three deaths have occurred in the United States from 1990 to October 2008, according to the Exotic Responsible Ownership organization:

- 2008 in California. The trainer in a USDA-licensed facility was killed by a male grizzly bear during a training session.
- 2006 in Illinois. An exotic farm/zoo worker was killed by a black bear out of his cage. The bear never left the zoo property and there was no risk to the public.
- 1993 in Michigan. A man was fatally mauled by his brother-in-law's black bear after he entered the animal's pen to feed it. The owner had all necessary state permits to keep the bear.

None of the deaths were the result of the captive bears being unsupervised off the private owners' or zoo's property. All of the victims were voluntarily on the property where the animal was kept, be it owner s), handlers, employees, friends or visitors wanting to see the animals.

Since 1990, there is no record of a member of the general public in the United States dying as a result of a captive bear at large, meaning, unsupervised and off the property where the animals were kept.