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Table 3: US Captive Bear Related Human Fatalities 1990 – 2012

YEAR/ STATE	RELATIONSHIP TO BEAR	COMMENTS
2012 - MT	Employee/trainer at a state & USDA licensed facility was killed by a Syrian brown bear	Voluntarily accepted occupational hazard, no risk to uninvolved public
2010 - OH	Male employee was killed by black bear during feeding in the commercial facility whose USDA license has been revoked recently.	Voluntarily accepted occupational hazard, no risk to uninvolved public
2009 - PA	A woman has been killed during cage cleaning by her pet bear. The facility was state licensed with a recently expired permit.	Voluntarily accepted occupational/hobby hazard; no risk to uninvolved public
2008 - CA	Male trainer in the USDA licensed facility was killed by the male Grizzly brown bear during the training session.	Voluntarily accepted occupational hazard, no risk to uninvolved public
2006 - IL	Male farm/zoo worker killed by black bear out of his cage in formerly USDA licensed, now closed to the public facility.	Voluntarily accepted occupational hazard, no risk to uninvolved public, the bear never left the zoo property
1993 - MI	A man was killed by his brother-in-law black bear after he entered the animal's pen to feed it.	The owner had all necessary state permits to keep the bear. Voluntarily accepted occupational hazard, no risk to uninvolved public

CONCLUSION: The death by US captive bear is extremely rare. In the last 23 years since 1990, only 6 people died in the USA (0.26 per year) by captive bears. That translates to one-year odds of 1 in 1,211,538,461, and lifetime odds 1 in 15,734,265.

None of these deaths were the result of the captive bears being unsupervised off the private owners' or zoo's property. Instead, all 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 USA dying as a result of a captive bear at large, meaning, unsupervised and OFF the property where the animals were kept. Bear out of the cage, but still on owner's/zoo property, is not considered AT LARGE for our statistical analysis.

Captive keeping of bears might be a slight voluntarily accepted hobby/occupational hazard, but it is NOT a public safety issue.