

CLOVER SAFE #82



SAFE FISHING PRACTICES

Information available from the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission indicates approximately 71,500 people were treated in hospitals for fishing injuries during 2007. Most of the injuries (about 70%) were puncture wounds resulting from fishhooks becoming imbedded in the skin and particularly in fingers. In addition, fishing injuries may also occur by slipping or tripping along banks or falling into water. Many injuries may be caused by error or inattention and could have been prevented by handling fishhooks and fishing tackle with greater care and maintaining a heightened awareness of potential fishing hazards.

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For additional information about safe fishing practices, go to the Clover Safe note at:
<http://ucanr.org/cloversafe>.

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