

Dangerous Incidents Involving Elephants Used by Amer Fort

The following incidents highlight the dangers of placing frustrated and upset wild animals in close contact with humans.

1. November 2022: As reported in *The Times of India*, a female [elephant attacked a 45-year-old man](#), a local shopkeeper. The animal was being taken to Amer Fort to be used for rides when she caught the man by her trunk, causing instant bleeding from his ears. As people tried to rescue him, the elephant threw him into the road, leading to fractured ribs and severe injuries to his head, ears, and legs.
2. July 2022: Apparently triggered by a tourist's attempt to take a selfie, an [elephant named Muskan attacked a 10-year-old child with her trunk and kicked the adult accompanying the child](#), according to *Hindustan Samachar*.
3. March 2019: Two female elephants (referred to as "number 44" and "number 74") carrying tourists on their backs at Amer Fort started fighting with each other. The mahouts (elephant handlers) could not control them, which caused panic among the tourists. *The Times of India* reported, "[Elephants carrying tourists to Amer \[F\]ort fighting with each other is not new.](#)"
4. July 2017: An elephant called "number 44", who was not adequately fed, reached for a banana and attacked another elephant. Although the mahouts were cited for mercilessly beating her, she was forced to return to carrying tourists. *The Times of India* reported on this incident in an article titled "[Cruelty to Elephant: Show-Cause Notice Issued](#)".
5. May 2014: When an elephant who was chained in the heat became upset, he used his trunk to grab and throw a mahout off his back and onto the ground. He then ran into a wall and fell onto the mahout, killing him. *The Times of India* wrote on this, "[Male elephants have been banned from rides when tourists come to \[Amer Fort\] after several incidents of pachyderms going berserk during summers were reported.](#)"
6. February 2011: Two South Korean tourists were critically injured when the elephant they were riding clashed with another one. The terrified couple jumped off the elephant's back, sustaining broken bones and head injuries. *Deccan Herald* reported, "[There have \[been\] a number of similar incidents \[at Amer Fort\] when elephants went berserk and even killed people.](#)"
7. April 2010: A 45-year-old elephant who was under treatment for paralysis but was still expected to carry tourists collapsed and died after taking just a few steps while trying to navigate a ramp. Her body had to be cut into pieces for removal from the passage. *The Times of India* reported this incident in an article titled "[Elephant Dies at Amber, Second in Four Months](#)".
8. August 2009: An elephant became distressed while carrying tourists, so the mahout and tourists jumped off her. Two mahouts who tried controlling her sustained severe head injuries. She damaged a building as she tried to escape but was captured, tranquilised, and chained up again. Her ordeal was captured [on video](#).
9. August 2009: *The Times of India* reported that a [25-year-old elephant strayed from her regular route while carrying tourists](#) and ran off to some nearby hills. She died "under mysterious circumstances", although eyewitnesses reported that her death was caused by injuries and an overdose of tranquilisers.
10. September 2005: Provoked by the flash of a camera, an elephant lifted a guide with his trunk and crushed him under his feet. Two tourists were sent to the hospital with severe injuries. [Elephant rides were banned briefly](#) at Amer Fort after this incident, as reported by *Hindustan Times*.
11. 2003: The *Deccan Herald* reported that an angry elephant [pulled a young man off his or her back and crushed him to death](#).
12. 1999: [A mahout was trampled by an elephant](#) when he tried to stop the animal from entering a lake near Amer Fort, as reported in *Deccan Herald*.