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Dear Sir:

I have recently encountered a very serious and dangerous problem with my .308 and .30-06 and I am requesting any available solution or explanation. My .308 caliber is a Remington Model 700 BDL, Serial Number 6459137 and my .30-06 caliber is a Remington Model 700 BDL - Serial number 6690838. Both guns were purchased about 10 years ago.

The problem that I have encountered is that the guns have fired when I push the "safe" from safe to fire, without any contact with the trigger. This first occurred on a cold day when I attempted to shoot the gun (.308) prior to the opening of the 1984 buck season. After the gun fired several times as explained above, I decided to use the .30-06 for the first day of the hunting season.

On that first day, a trophy buck walked within shooting distance. With the .30-06 rifle on my lap, I pushed the "safe" from safe to fire in preparation to shoot. However, as I did this, the gun went off - while it was still resting on my lap! Needless to say, it was a frightening experience. I then pushed the gun's safe in the safe position and reloaded the gun. Again, the gun fired as I pushed the safe to fire.

This faulty safe operation occurred within a 3 day span with two separate guns.

When loading my .308 Remington on the first day of the 1981 buck season, the shell would not allow the bolt to close. (I was using Remington shells!) I tried several times and finally forced the bolt closed. At this time, the gun went off. We deduced that the gun's firing pin was stuck and fired.

In the past years, I have taken very good care of both guns. Each gets cleaned with 3&1 oil and WD-40 after each hunting season. The guns still look new after 10 years of use. They have never been abused in anyway.

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