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maintenance, that this safety deficiency will surface.

I have hunted with what I call "one weekend city folks", and most of them don't know the first thing about gun safety, operation, or how to shoot accurately. But they're out there opening weekend of deer season. Some don't even know the difference between a deer and a cow! One of the reasons I stopped hunting was because of the danger of being in the same woods with them. It is possible that the gentleman who shot his foot off was one of these hunters, and had failed to properly maintain his rifle. I would also guess that he loaded his gun without even cleaning it, and probably went hunting without even doing some practice shooting. He WAS careless in the handling of the gun; #1 you NEVER point a loaded (or unloaded) gun at a human being, especially your own foot!, and #2, you don't EVER carry a loaded gun in a motor vehicle, especially if you are the driver! #3, you point a gun into the air or at a target when unloading, don't rest the muzzle on your foot! At any rate, he paid the price for stupidity.

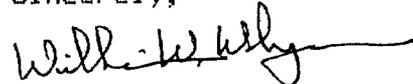
So Surprise! This letter is in your defense. I'm sure that if I had cleaned my rifle every 6 months like I normally do, then the gun would have operated properly. Now that I know the consequences of not maintaining my rifle, I will be extra careful in the future.

However, what have YOU done to correct this problem? I'm certain that the newer rifles aren't malfunctioning like the older ones do, so what did you do to them, and can it be done to mine? As long as I own this rifle, there will be no incidents, but if I decide to hand the gun down to my kids or sell it, what can be done to the gun to prevent an accidental firing even if the gun hasn't been properly maintained? I own a total of 6 firearms, which I now have as investments, and to the best of my knowledge, the Remington is the only one with a safety defect built into it. I don't want it to depreciate in value because of a safety defect.

Please respond to this letter, and remember that I am on your side. Also, if my gun can be made to be safe EVERY TIME the safety is taken off, then I want to fix it.

Thank-you.

Sincerely,



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