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Now to the incident last fall. We were after my deer the last day of the season. Once we were in the field, I put a bullet into the chamber of my gun. We hadn't seen anything so we decided to head down to the Landowner's residence to ask if they had a better place to go. Before we reached their home, I wanted to take the bullet out of the chamber. At this point there were seven people present, I went to take the safety off and the gun fired! It shook me up badly. My husband was angry because he thought I had shot a deer right in the landowner's living area. I told him what happened and he unloaded the gun and put it in its case. He said he would take it to the range and check it out. I ended up "booting my deer with his gun.

I was very glad I had the gun facing up and away from the house, stock, corrals and people. The shot went over the hill with nothing on the other side but a hay field.

My husband and brother took it to the range and tried to get it to do it again. It didn't. Nothing was touching the trigger when I took the safety off. This is a big concern to both my husband and I because we planned to let our daughter use this gun when she started hunting. We won't now.

I have a Remington Model 700, 25-06, Serial # A6630426. I've owned the gun a few years but nothing has ever happened like this. I don't want to take it hunting again nor do I want to sell it if it is defective. What do you suggest? Up to this point, I have never been dissatisfied with this gun.

Sincerely,

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