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Remington Arms Company Inc.
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Dear Sir

On March 20, 1994 in a segment on gun safety on 60 minutes it was stated that The Model 700 Bolt Action rifle was unsafe because it sometimes discharges when the safety is put in the fire position.

I own a Model 700 BDL in a 270 which I purchased in the early 1970's. The serial number is A6292731. The safety on this rifle must be in the fire position to open the bolt. About 5 years ago, upon returning to my ATV after deer hunting I started to unload my rifle. I moved the safety forward in the fire position and it discharged. There was not any damage or injuries as the muzzle was pointed safely toward the ground. It was very cold, I had gloves on and my fingers were numb. I assumed I was placing some pressure on the trigger in some manner causing the rifle to fire. I repeated the procedure many times with an unloaded rifle and it did not occur again. I took the rifle to a gunsmith and had him clean it and examine the trigger mechanism for defects. He did not find anything wrong.

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my son has been using the rifle for about 4 years. He has not experienced any problems.

I am 56 years old and have been hunting with rifle and shotguns since my teens. This was the only time a firearm accidentally discharged with me. As previously stated I always assumed that I had in some way caused the rifle to fire and have been even more cautious since.

I am now concerned after hearing this information on 60 minutes. Is there some way I can determine for certain that this rifle is not defective? Thank you in advance for your assistance.

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