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In this same vein, if everyone put the safety on every time they were on drill at the range, pulled the trigger, and then took the safety off, there would be a lot of clicks or bangs when those safeties were taken off. Many sears have triggers that actually re-engage due to spring pressure if finger pressure on the trigger is released before the pin is dropped. Some obviously don't. Many sears have as little as .009" of actual engagement. That isn't much, and if the safety is out of spec or adjustment, it will no longer be safe. That is why the safest procedure is an open bolt and the weapon pointed where people aren't.

Mark

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From: "Brian K. Sain" <briansain@yahoo.com>
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- > Guys, this thread brings up several points:
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- > Ed Gross and I discussed it briefly the day the first
- > post came in.
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- > If you do a Google or Dogpile search using
- > combinations of the words "Remington 700 trigger
- > accidental discharge CBS", you will get several hits
- > on the CBS special about the 700s and resultant
- > trigger woes. Surf around some and you can find
- > several different accounts and explanations.
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- > It seems that dirty mechanisms are a factor in some
- > (probably most) instances.
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- > It seems to occur also when pressure is put on the
- > trigger with the safety lever "on safe". Then when
- > the safety lever is moved to the fire position, the
- > rifle discharges without the finger on the trigger
- > itself.
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- > I am no gunsmith or armorer but it almost seems like
- > the trigger is "loaded" by the initial pressure put on
- > it but the safety holds that pressure. Then, when the
- > safety lever is moved, the loaded pressure completes
- > the firing action. This is admittedly a laymans
- > description.
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- > Having read what's out there on it, it certainly
- > appears to be a design flaw. That trigger design is
- > at last 40 years old. It does not happen to every

> rifle, every time and is thereby hard to fix. (Kind of
> like taking your car to the mechanic and sure as hell,
> it won't do what you are trying to describe until you
> get a mile away from the shop).
>
> I am sure somebody here could enlighten us on the
> scientific reason for the malfunction and Remingtons
> official position on it. Lauck, Boone, Foster ?
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> FBI Houston had it happen with one of their rifles on
> the range a while back. They sent it back to
> Quantico, had it checked out and Quantico returned it.
> They shot it a while and when it happened again, they
> sent it back, and told Quantico to keep it.
>
> I asked my friends there if they had this documented
> and they stated that they did and if need be, it could
> be subpoenaed.
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> A problem I can foresee is some hunter on a Grand Jury
> somewhere who has hunted with Remington 700s all his
> life and never heard of this or had it happen.
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> He might call bullshit (just like we do) if the
> officer swears he didn't touch the trigger and has no
> documentation to prove the 700 trigger problem. If
> the sniper is one who isn't on this list or otherwise
> doesn't know about the 700 trigger and has a dummy
> lawyer who doesn't check it out, that sniper could be
> in for a rough time.
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> I can just hear it "Well, I don't know 'bout them
> policemen but I've hunted all my life with a Remton.
> SemHunert and I ain't never heard of such a thing.
> Sounds pretty fishy to me folks"
>
> Rrrright. Get ready for the proverbial, Russ Clagett.
> Memorial Roller Coaster ride.
>
> My guys and I each keep a large ring binder containing
> our targets, monthly training reports, use of force
> policy, ASA publications, etc. - in addition to our
> rifle data books.
>
> I printed up some of the 700 CBS stuff off the web to
> add to our binders, in addition to the posts of you
> guys and the problems you have experienced. Just so
> I'll have it handy.
>
> This post is getting too long.
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> Training around the Rem trigger on the one to follow .
> . . .
> Brian
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