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Dear Sir:

A short time ago, I contacted Remington through the 800 phone number (800-634-2459) to ask if there might be a recall on my Remington Model 700 30-06 rifle for safety reasons. My reason for calling, was that in the last few months both my rifle and my buddy's rifle went off accidentally and unintentionally.

During the month of November (1990), I was on a hunting trip in Colorado. During the trip we encountered a snowstorm and freezing temperatures. The following is what happened when I attempted to unload the rifle: this model rifle requires that the safety be taken off before you can move the bolt to unload the bullet from the chamber. I took the safety off and then put my hand on the bolt to lift it up to unload the bullet. As soon as I put the slightest upward pressure on the bolt to open it, the gun went off!! It came within an inch of blowing my foot off, and scaring my 3 friends standing close by. I am absolutely positive that my hand was not near the trigger! We were very lucky - a friendly hunting trip could have ended in tragedy.

I also want to mention that prior to this frightening incident the gun was very cold and had intermittently become covered with snow and ice during the storm.

However, a very similar thing happened about five years ago. I was scoping some deer walking along a ridge. I spotted a buck and as I slowly moved the safety forward the gun went off. At the time, I couldn't figure out what had happened. I now believe the gun also malfunctioned at that time.