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# Click... ...BANG!!!

Almost weekly, a Soldier is involved in an accident caused by the negligent discharge of a privately owned pistol. Many incidents have resulted in injury or death. The latest was a bullet discharged from a second story room that struck a child in a first story room below.

These events have occurred during instruction, clearing, cleaning, handling by other than the owner, or horseplay. The common trend is that someone pulled the trigger expecting to hear 'Click' but instead heard BANG!!!

The most popular pistols today are 'striker fired.' These pistols rarely have an external feature to indicate if cocked or loaded, and they require the trigger to be pulled to decock. As with all weapons "THINK" but be doubly sure the chamber is clear in this type pistol.

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Whether the Army Owns It or You Do. . .

# THINK WEAPONS SAFETY!



- T**TREAT every weapon as if it is loaded.
- H**HANDLE every weapon with care.
- I**IDENTIFY the target before you fire.
- N**EVER point the muzzle at anything you don't intend to shoot.
- K**EEP the weapon on safe and your finger off the trigger until you intend to fire.

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