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Teen wounded in accidental shooting at gun range

Teen taken to hospital for treatment of leg wound

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A teenager was wounded in a shooting at a Sharonville gun store and shooting range.

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The shooting happened at Target World on Kemper Road shortly after 11 a.m. Tuesday.

Dispatchers initially said a 13-year-old was accidentally shot in the leg, but a 911 caller said the boy was 14.

The caller said a gun jammed, then misfired and the bullet hit the teen.

The teen was taken to Cincinnati Children's Hospital for treatment of non-life-threatening injuries. His name has not been released.

Target World said the injury was minor and that the store remains open. A manager said police asked them not to comment pending the outcome of the investigation.

"From everything we have learned, the incident involved two customers sharing the same shooting booth where one of the customers was struck by a bullet that improperly discharged out of the side of the other customer's rifle ejection port," a store spokesperson later said in a released statement.

Workers said the discharge was very uncommon and that the customers had followed all safety protocols.

"The unburnt powder still in the casing suggests that the round was not detonated completely as would be the case normally when a bullet is discharged down a barrel," the statement read.

Investigators said the 14-year-old was shot when the gun's owner was loading it and a round went off.

The gun owner also suffered a hand injury but refused treatment at the scene, officers said.

"The cartridge did not properly load into the rifle's chamber, but instead, lodged sideways in the ejection port with enough force that the bullet was discharged. When a full cartridge or spent casing gets lodged in the ejection port, it is commonly referred to as a stovepipe," the statement said.

It does not appear that charges will be filed in the case, but detectives said the investigation was still ongoing.



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