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### Teen shot at gun range in Cheatham County

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A 13-year-old boy was shot Saturday at a gun range.

It happened around 4 p.m. at the Cheatham WMA Firing Range in Cheatham County, a wildlife management area with a public gun range.



"I've been here 24 years and this is the first accident of this nature that's occurred out here on Cheatham WMA," said wild life manager Randy Cromer.

The boy was shot with a 22 caliber single action revolver.

"It wasn't his fault. He was just standing there," said Cromer.

The person responsible was a friend of the family who came along for what was supposed to be a day of recreation.

"They called for a cold range, which means, 'everybody wait and stop and we're going down range to check our targets,'" said Cromer.

Investigators said the gun was sitting on a table cocked and with a bullet in the chamber.

The woman nudged it, and that was all it took.

"It accidentally discharged and hit him through the fingers into the lower abdomen," said Cromer.

The teen was taken by life flight to Vanderbilt where he's been recovering ever since.

"I mean just a few inches upward anywhere in that area could have hit a vital organ it and it could of bad," said Lieutenant Shannon Hefflin with the Cheatham County Sheriffs Office.

Authorities hope this incident will be a wake-up call, reminding everyone about the importance of gun safety on and off the range.

"Make sure if you're around a group of people shooting target practicing or shooting just make sure you're aware of all range safety rules ... just be aware of your surroundings. A gun can go off at anytime if it's loaded," said wildlife officer Dale Grandstaff.

There's still no word on the teen's condition, but we're told the boy was shot in the hand and abdomen.

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