

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
198602344**

Bell 47 G2

11 August 1986

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Occurrence Number: 198602344
Location: Bankstown NSW
Date: 11 August 1986
Highest Injury Level: Nil
Injuries:

Occurrence Type: Accident

Time: 1600

	Fatal	Serious	Minor	None
Crew	0	0	1	1
Ground	0	0	0	-
Passenger	0	0	0	1
Total	0	0	0	2

Aircraft Details: Bell 47 G2
Registration: VH-KHL
Serial Number:
Operation Type: Aerial Work (Positioning)
Damage Level: Substantial
Departure Point: Hoxton Park NSW
Departure Time: 1600
Destination: Bankstown NSW

Approved for Release: October 30th 1986

Circumstances:

After landing, the pilot was taxiing the aircraft along a marked taxiway between two hangars. Several aircraft were parked in the vicinity, and the pilot taxied at a slightly higher level than normal in order to reduce the effects of downwash. He suddenly noted cables just above eye level, and banked steeply to the left in an effort to avoid a collision. However, the main rotor blades struck and severed the cables, which were a pair of disused Telecom lines strung between the hangars, and both blades then struck the ground. The cables were not marked, and at the point where they crossed the taxiway they were 6.6 metres above the ground.