

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
198803477**

Cessna U206-G (Floatplane)

23 August 1988

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Occurrence Number: 198803477 **Occurrence Type:** Accident
Location: 2km West of Tipplers' Passage QLD
Date: 23 August 1988 **Time:** 1235
Highest Injury Level: Minor
Injuries:

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

Aircraft Details: Cessna U206-G (Floatplane)
Registration: VH-SFU
Serial Number: U206-04725
Operation Type: Private
Damage Level: Substantial
Departure Point: Tipplers' Passage QLD
Departure Time: 1230
Destination: Tipplers' Passage QLD

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Circumstances:

The pilot was demonstrating step turns whilst taxiing - to his passenger who holds a pilot licence. Whilst turning left at 30 to 35 knots the aircraft hit a submerged sandbar, in about 15 centimetres of water, and flipped onto its back. The passenger received a lacerated ankle. The pilot stated that the sandbar was not visible due to a combination of an overcast sky and a ripple on the surface of the channel.

Significant Factors:

The following factors were considered relevant to the development of the accident

1. The pilot acted carelessly in not checking the area before commencing taxiing.
2. The pilot did not see the sandbar.