

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report  
198404484**

**Beechcraft A36 Bonanza**

**20 January 1984**

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**Occurrence Number:** 198404484  
**Location:** Bunbury WA  
**Date:** 20 January 1984  
**Highest Injury Level:** Nil  
**Injuries:**

**Occurrence Type:** Accident

**Time:** 1740

	Fatal	Serious	Minor	None
Crew	0	0	1	1
Ground	0	0	0	-
Passenger	0	0	0	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>

**Aircraft Details:** Beechcraft A36 Bonanza  
**Registration:** VH-FEL  
**Serial Number:**  
**Operation Type:** Passenger Charter  
**Damage Level:** Substantial  
**Departure Point:** Albany WA  
**Departure Time:** 1630  
**Destination:** Bunbury WA

**Approved for Release:** 16th August 1984

**Circumstances:**

After about 80 metres of ground roll following a normal touchdown the nose began to drop, followed by the right and left wings, and the aircraft slid to a halt with the gear retracted. No mechanical fault or defect was subsequently found with the aircraft. The weight of available evidence indicated that the pilot had probably inadvertently selected the gear up shortly after touchdown.