

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
198404509**

Cessna 421-B

27 October 84

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Occurrence Number: 198404509

Location: Kidson Field WA (2238S 12502E)

Date: 27 October 84

Highest Injury Level: Nil

Injuries:

Occurrence Type: Accident

Time: N/A

	Fatal	Serious	Minor	None
Crew	0	0	1	1
Ground	0	0	0	-
Passenger	0	0	0	2
Total	0	0	0	3

Aircraft Details: Cessna 421-B

Registration: VH-ADK

Serial Number:

Operation Type: Aerial Ambulance Flight

Damage Level: Substantial

Departure Point: Kidson Field WA

Departure Time: N/A

Destination: Well 33. WA (44 Km NW of Kidson Field WA)

Approved for Release: 20th December, 1984

Circumstances:

Just after the pilot applied full power at the commencement of the takeoff run, the nose wheel struck an anthill. The nose gear leg collapsed and the aircraft slid a further 15 metres before coming to a stop. Although a strip inspection was carried out by the pilot both before landing and again whilst taxiing, the anthill was not noticed because of its colour and composition.