

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
198900245**

Cessna 172 K

12 September 1989

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This accident was not formally investigated by the Bureau.

Occurrence Number: 198900245 **Occurrence Type:** Accident
Location: Wyloo Station (130km West Tom Price) WA
Date: 12 September 1989 **Time:** 700
Highest Injury Level: Nil
Injuries:

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

Aircraft Details: Cessna 172 K
Registration: VH-IVU
Serial Number: R1722719
Operation Type: Private
Damage Level: Substantial
Departure Point: Wyloo Station WA
Departure Time: N/A
Destination: Wyloo Station WA

Approved for Release: 5th June 1990

Circumstances:

The pilot proposed to conduct a flight around the Station windmills. His attempt to start the aircraft was unsuccessful owing to the battery condition. He turned the ignition and master switches OFF and proceeded to hand swing the propeller. As he turned the propeller, the engine fired. The throttle had been left half opened , the park brake was not engaged and the aircraft was not chocked. The aircraft moved rapidly and the pilot was unable to gain access to the cockpit. The aircraft passed through a fence and subsequently came to rest in a clump of trees. No defect was discovered to explain how the engine could start with the ignition and master switches selected OFF.