

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report  
198600704**

**Cessna 172M**

**14 August 1986**

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**Occurrence Number:** 198600704  
**Location:** Mount Pleasant SA  
**Date:** 14 August 1986  
**Highest Injury Level:** Nil  
**Injuries:**

**Occurrence Type:** Accident

**Time:** 1035

	Fatal	Serious	Minor	None
Crew	0	0	1	1
Ground	0	0	0	-
Passenger	0	0	0	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>

**Aircraft Details:** Cessna 172M  
**Registration:** VH-IQM  
**Serial Number:**  
**Operation Type:** Private (Travel)  
**Damage Level:** Substantial  
**Departure Point:** Balaklava SA  
**Departure Time:** 1035  
**Destination:** Murray Bridge SA

**Approved for Release:** May 12th 1987

**Circumstances:**

Prior to DEPARTURE, the pilot had obtained a weather briefing, which indicated that deteriorating conditions were forecast. This forecast proved to be accurate and the pilot was forced to carry out a number of diversions to remain in visual contact with the ground. The fuel state of the aircraft also became critical, and in the face of further deterioration in the weather conditions, the pilot attempted to land on a racecourse. A normal touchdown was made, but the aircraft slid off the banked track and collided with the inside guard rails.