

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report  
198902568**

**Bell 206-B**

**12 July 1989**

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**Occurrence Number:** 198902568  
**Location:** Orange (City) NSW  
**Date:** 12 July 1989  
**Highest Injury Level:** Fatal  
**Injuries:**

**Occurrence Type:** Accident

**Time:** 2210

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

**Aircraft Details:** Bell 206-B  
**Registration:** VH-EEC  
**Serial Number:** 2578  
**Operation Type:** Not Applicable (Stolen Aircraft)  
**Damage Level:** Destroyed  
**Departure Point:** N/A  
**Departure Time:** N/A  
**Destination:** N/A

**Approved for Release:** 30th November 1989

**Circumstances:**

The aircraft was stolen from the Elcom works compound. During the attempted takeoff the passenger jumped from the aircraft and was struck by the rotor blades as the helicopter fell onto its side. This accident was not the subject of a formal on scene investigation.