

**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:

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

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.