

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
198502562**

Piper PA28-R180

08 November 1985

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Occurrence Number: 198502562
Location: Cessnock NSW
Date: 08 November 1985
Highest Injury Level: Nil
Injuries:

Occurrence Type: Accident

Time: 1100 aprx

	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: Piper PA28-R180
Registration: VH-CHI
Serial Number:
Operation Type: Aerial Work (Solo Training)
Damage Level: Substantial
Departure Point: Cessnock NSW
Departure Time: 1100 aprx
Destination: Cessnock NSW

Approved for Release: 21st February, 1986

Circumstances:

The pilot had successfully carried out a series of seven circuits with touch and go landings. He subsequently advised that he had been experiencing difficulties in maintaining accurate height and tracking on the downwind leg, and while concentrating on these points on the eighth circuit he forgot to lower the landing gear. As he flared the aircraft, he heard a radio message instructing him to go around. Full power was immediately applied, but the aircraft contacted the runway and skidded to a halt. The pilot had been relying on a memorised check list and, when distracted, performed only some of the checks required.