

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report  
198401403**

**Piper PA38-112**

**4 September 1984**

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**Occurrence Number:** 198401403  
**Location:** Bankstown NSW  
**Date:** 4 September 1984  
**Highest Injury Level:** Nil  
**Injuries:**

**Occurrence Type:** Accident

**Time:** 1037

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

**Aircraft Details:** Piper PA38-112  
**Registration:** VH-HAV  
**Serial Number:**  
**Operation Type:** Instructional Solo  
**Damage Level:** Substantial  
**Departure Point:** Bankstown NSW  
**Departure Time:** 1033  
**Destination:** Bankstown NSW

**Approved for Release:** 11th April 1985

**Circumstances:**

Following a period of dual instruction the pilot was authorised to carry out her second solo circuit and landing. During the landing flare the aircraft ballooned and subsequently touched down on the nosewheel. The aircraft bounced and on the next touchdown the nosewheel broke off, the nose gear leg was displaced and the aircraft slid to a halt on the runway. The pilot's previous training flight had been conducted approximately one month prior to the accident. After misjudging the landing flare, the pilot persisted with the landing attempt instead of going around.