Aviation Safety Investigation Report 199600234

Cessna Aircraft Company 180K

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Occurrence Number: 199600234 Occurrence Type: Accident

Location: Juadine, 9km W Northam, (ALA)

State: WA Inv Category: 4

Date: Friday 26 January 1996

Time: 1745 hours Time Zone WST

Highest Injury Level: None

Aircraft Manufacturer: Cessna Aircraft Company

Aircraft Model: 180K

Aircraft Registration: VH-UIA Serial Number: 18053884

Type of Operation: Non-commercial Pleasure/Travel

Damage to Aircraft: Substantial

Departure Point: 60 km E Albany WA

Departure Time: 0810 WST

Destination: 5 km W Northam WA

Crew Details:

	Hours on		
Role	Class of Licence	Type Hour	rs Total
Pilot-In-Command	Private	152.0	349

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It was reported that the aircraft landed with a 10 -12 kt crosswind from the right. As the speed reduced to below 30 kt, a strong wind gust caused the left wing tip to strike the ground. The pilot was unable to maintain directional control. The aircraft slewed around causing the right landing gear to collapse and the right wing and propeller to strike the ground.