

Schweizer 269C, G-BRNR, 19 June 1997

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Aircraft Type and Registration:	Schweizer 269C, G-BRNR
No & Type of Engines:	1 Lycoming HIO-360-D1A piston engine
Year of Manufacture:	1989
Date & Time (UTC):	19 June 1997 at 1633 hrs
Location:	Oxford Airport, Kidlington, Oxford
Type of Flight:	Private (Training)
Persons on Board:	Crew - 2 - Passengers - None
Injuries:	Crew - None - Passengers - N/A
Nature of Damage:	Beyond economic repair
Commander's Licence:	Commercial Pilot's Licence with AFI Rating
Commander's Age:	49 years
Commander's Flying Experience:	945 hours (of which 526 were on type) Last 90 days - 87 hours Last 28 days - 84 hours
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The student pilot was practising an engine off landing; the instructor was 'following through' on the collective lever and yaw pedals. He took control when the student failed to arrest the rate of descent in the flare but was unable to prevent the tail rotor striking the ground. He levelled the aircraft and applied full collective in an attempt to cushion the subsequent landing; after a slight climb the aircraft yawed left through about 90°, descended rapidly and struck the ground heavily enough to collapse the skids. The helicopter came to rest on its right side and the crew, having made it safe, escaped through the left door. They were both wearing full upper torso restraint and were uninjured.

The student pilot had achieved a good standard on the course and had flown 27 hours of which 3 were as P1.