

Hughes 269C, G-BSCD, 15 September 1996

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Aircraft Type and Registration:	Hughes 269C, G-BSCD
No & Type of Engines:	1 Lycoming HIO-360-D1A piston engine
Year of Manufacture:	1974
Date & Time (UTC):	15 September 1996 at 1445 hrs
Location:	Redhill Aerodrome, Surrey
Type of Flight:	Training
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1 - Passengers - 1
Injuries:	Crew - None - Passengers - None
Nature of Damage:	Damage to cabin structure, tailboom, stabiliser and fuel tank mountings; tail rotor drive shaft sheared
Commander's Licence:	Airline Transport Pilot's Licence with FI and Night Ratings
Commander's Age:	62 years
Commander's Flying Experience:	10,800 hours (of which 1,000 were on type) Last 90 days - 68 hours Last 28 days - 20 hours
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The helicopter lifted into a hover at about 4 feet agl, skid height, and the after lift off checks were completed. The pilot then initiated a spot turn to the right; during this manoeuvre the front of the right skid made contact with the ground. The aircraft rolled to the right and the main rotor blades struck the ground. It came to rest on its right side and both occupants, who were wearing full upper torso restraint, escaped without injury through the left door.

The pilot considered that the accident was caused by his own misjudgement.