

ACCIDENT

Aircraft Type and Registration:	Robinson R44 Raven II, G-ODHB	
No & Type of Engines:	1 Lycoming IO-540-AE1A5 piston engine	
Year of Manufacture:	2005	
Date & Time (UTC):	5 December 2010 at 1230 hrs	
Location:	Staverton Airfield, Gloucestershire	
Type of Flight:	Training	
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1	Passengers - None
Injuries:	Crew - None	Passengers - N/A
Nature of Damage:	Damage to tailskid tube and left aft landing gear fairing	
Commander's Licence:	Student	
Commander's Age:	63 years	
Commander's Flying Experience:	78 hours (of which 78 were on type) Last 90 days - 11 hours Last 28 days - 6 hours	
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

The student pilot reported that whilst hover taxiing, the right hand forward entry door opened. He instinctively looked towards the door and tried to grab it by momentarily removing his hand from the cyclic control. By the time he had replaced his hand on the

controls and looked forward again, the helicopter was in an unusual attitude and he was unable to prevent it from contacting the ground heavily. The helicopter operator later inspected the door latch mechanism and was unable to fault its operation.