

**ACCIDENT**

<b>Aircraft Type and Registration:</b>	Robinson R44 II Raven II, G-ROAD	
<b>No &amp; Type of Engines:</b>	1 Lycoming IO-540-AE1A5 piston engine	
<b>Year of Manufacture:</b>	2007	
<b>Date &amp; Time (UTC):</b>	18 June 2012 at 2030 hrs	
<b>Location:</b>	Private site near Corby, Northamptonshire	
<b>Type of Flight:</b>	Private	
<b>Persons on Board:</b>	Crew - 1	Passengers - None
<b>Injuries:</b>	Crew - None	Passengers - N/A
<b>Nature of Damage:</b>	One rotor blade damaged	
<b>Commander's Licence:</b>	Commercial Pilot's Licence	
<b>Commander's Age:</b>	42 years	
<b>Commander's Flying Experience:</b>	3,000 hours (of which 401 were on type) Last 90 days - 4 hours Last 28 days - 2 hours	
<b>Information Source:</b>	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

The helicopter was being manoeuvred at a private landing site prior to departure. The pilot lifted the helicopter to an approximate 8 ft hover height and taxied at about 5 kt towards a gap between trees. The

pilot's attention was mainly on a tree on the left side and, in trying to ensure adequate clearance from it, a rotor blade clipped the branch of a tree on the right side.