

Cessna 152, G-BNKP, 5 November 2002

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| Aircraft Type and Registration: | Cessna 152, G-BNKP | |
| No & Type of Engines: | 1 Lycoming O-235-L2C piston engine | |
| Year of Manufacture: | 1978 | |
| Date & Time (UTC): | 5 November 2002 at 1100 hrs | |
| Location: | Clacton Airfield, Essex | |
| Type of Flight: | Training | |
| Persons on Board: | Crew - 1 | Passengers - None |
| Injuries: | Crew - None | Passengers - N/A |
| Nature of Damage: | Nose landing gear, engine bearer and firewall damaged | |
| Commander's Licence: | Student Pilot | |
| Commander's Age: | 71 years | |
| Commander's Flying Experience: | 168 hours (all on type) | |
| Information Source: | Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot | |

The student pilot was carrying out some solo circuit practice, following on from a successful dual circuit training session with an instructor. Weather conditions during the morning were fine, with a reported surface wind from 180° at 7 kt. The grass Runway 18 was in use, which has a declared Take Off Run Available of 596 metres and a width of 18 metres. There is a displaced landing threshold, which gives a Landing Distance Available of 502 metres. About one third of the way along its landing length, Runway 18 is crossed by a public footpath.

Following touchdown on the student's second solo landing, the aircraft veered off to the left side of the runway before travelling across the public footpath. The edge of the footpath was rutted, which caused the aircraft to bounce back into the air. The damage was sustained during the subsequent touchdown.