

Two people have lucky escape from helicopter crash at Parafield Airport

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The helicopter is brought back to the hangar. Picture: Tait Schmaal

A TRAINEE pilot and his instructor have walked away with minor injuries from a helicopter crash at Parafield Airport.

The men were undertaking an engine failure exercise when the 300CBi helicopter landed and then rolled on to its side, just before 9am on Wednesday.

The instructor sustained a minor rib injury and was taken to the Lyell McEwin Hospital.

The trainee pilot was assessed by paramedics at the scene but did not need treatment.



The helicopter is brought back to the hangar. Picture: Tait Schmaal

Metropolitan Fire Service crews attended the scene to clean up a fuel spillage.

The Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) and Australian Transport Safety Bureau (ATSB) are investigating the incident.

Flight Training Adelaide managing director Johan Pienaar said the men were undertaking an engine failure exercise when the crash happened.



Emergency Services crews surround a helicopter which crashed at Parafield Airport. Picture: Tait Schmaal

“That is where the helicopter hovers about three foot off the ground and we then proceed to fail the engine on the student to see if they can safely land the helicopter,” he said.

“The engine was failed and the helicopter landed safely on to the ground but from that point on it actually just rolled over on to its side.”

Mr Pineaar said the exercise was essential for trainee pilots and that there could be several reasons for the cause of the crash.

He said it was fortunate the men had escaped largely unscathed.

“We will look at everything that needs to be looked at in conjunction with the ATSB and CASA,” he said.

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