

## Man killed, second person critical after helicopter crashes into river bed in Central Australia



**Photo:** The pilot was reportedly flying a Robinson R22 helicopter when it crashed. (AAP: PR, file photo)

A man has been killed in a helicopter crash in Central Australia.

Northern Territory Police say a second person is in a Alice Springs hospital with critical injuries.

The crash occurred at about 9am this morning, about 125 kilometres north east of Alice Springs.

It is believed there were no other occupants.

St John Ambulance spokesman Craig Garraway said paramedics have attended the scene of the crash.

He said the second man was believed to have serious leg and chest injuries.

"The chopper has crashed into a river bed about 100 kilometres out of Alice Springs," he said.

"We have dispatched a paramedic in a helicopter to the scene.

"A doctor from the Alice Springs hospital was also dispatched in another helicopter."

A Civil Aviation Safety Authority spokesperson said the helicopter was a Robinson R22, which are typically used for cattle mustering.

It crashed on a private property.

But circumstances surrounding the incident are not yet known.

"I have no idea where that helicopter has come from," Mr Garraway said.

"I assume it may have come from a station, but at this point in time I don't have that information with me."

The Australian Transport Safety Bureau said it is investigating the accident

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