

Two injured in Bankstown helicopter crash

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The fuselage of a crashed helicopter covered in a tarp, after losing its tail, this afternoon. Picture: Troy Snook *Source: News Corp Australia*

A FLYING instructor and his student were lucky to escape with only minor injuries after their helicopter crashed at Bankstown Airport today during a lesson.

Emergency services were called to the airport about 12.30pm after the four-seater Robinson R22 helicopter crashed at low altitude and debris was scattered more than 40m from site of impact.

The 56-year-old instructor and his 43-year-old student both suffered minor injuries.

One witness said he heard the crash and looked outside to see the men walking away from the damaged chopper.

“I heard a crash and heard the tail rotor hitting the ground,” they said.

“I saw (the two people inside) walking away from the helicopter, they were about 30m away.”



The tail section of a crashed helicopter lays in the grass where it came to rest. Picture: Troy Snook *Source: News Corp Australia*



The instructor and student had a lucky escape.*Source:News Corp Australia*

Parts of the helicopter, including a silver piece of pipe, could be seen scattered 40m away in a bus depot.



Bankstown Airport as seen from the air.*Source:News Limited*

A NSW Police Force spokesman said the helicopter sustained significant damage and the incident will now be investigated by police and the Australian Transport Safety Bureau to determine what went wrong.

Bankstown Helicopters, which lists itself as one of Australia's largest helicopter flight training and charter organisations, has declined to comment

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