

## Woman escapes from plane crash near Bankstown Airport in 'Easter miracle'

A woman has walked away from a light plane crash in what authorities have described as an "Easter miracle".

The aircraft had been doing circuit training at Bankstown Airport when it began falling from about 300 metres before coming down next to a creek near the airport about 11:20am.

NSW Ambulance Inspector Andrew Keshwan said the woman, aged in her 50s, had been assessed by paramedics and complained of a sore back, but did not want to be transported to hospital.

*"Obviously falling from 1,000 feet is a harrowing experience and she was shook up but quite stable," he said.*

*"It's an Easter miracle because not every day you fall out of the sky at 1,000 feet and walk away."*

Inspector Keshwan said the woman had some minor cuts and bruises from walking through thick bushes near the creek.

"But nothing on impact so I was very, very surprised with the minimal injuries she sustained," he said.



**Photo:** Emergency services on the scene of the crash in Sydney's south-west.

The left wing of the plane sheared off in the crash and both wings were perforated, spilling 400 litres of fuel into the creek, NSW Fire and Rescue duty commander Drew Wilson said.

He said the woman was "pretty lucky" to have walked away from the crash, considering the damage to the six-seater plane.

"The aircraft is pretty well damaged but the pilot's compartment was pretty well in order so she's managed to just open the door and get out as far as I can tell," Commander Wilson said.

He said the spilt fuel had been contained in the creek and was unlikely to affect the Georges River, which is about 500 metres away.

NSW Police are working with investigators from the Australian Transport Safety Bureau (ATSB) and the plane will later be assessed by the Civil Aviation Safety Authority.

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