

# Broome helicopter crash leaves two dead, two critical

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Two people were killed and two were injured when the helicopter crashed in Broome.

## Two people have died and two are in critical condition after a helicopter crashed in northern Western Australia.

The aircraft, which has been identified as a Robinson R44 helicopter, crashed on Antheus Way, Bilingurr, a northern suburb of Broome, just after 2:30pm on Saturday.

WA Police said a male occupant of the aircraft died at the scene from injuries he sustained in the crash.

An 11-year-old girl who was a passenger in the aircraft was taken to Broome Hospital, but has since died from her injuries.

A woman and a child, who were also passengers in the helicopter, have been flown to Perth where they remain in hospital a critical condition.

Witnesses reported hearing a loud bang and the sound of the helicopter prior to the crash, while sirens from the large-scale emergency response could be heard across Broome.

"It's a pretty horrific sight," one person said.

"You can hear the sirens from everywhere in Broome.

"I'm not sure if anyone witnessed it, but it looks devastating."

The Australian Transport Safety Bureau said it would be sending officers to Broome to investigate the crash.

Helicopter traffic is a regular sight in Broome, with the town playing host to a large heliport serving tourist operators and the oil and gas industry.

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