



IHST

International Helicopter Safety Team

Our Vision: An International Civil Helicopter Community With Zero Accidents

HELICOPTER SAFETY QUICK FACTS

Which Helicopter Operations Pose the Highest and Lowest Risk for Accidents?

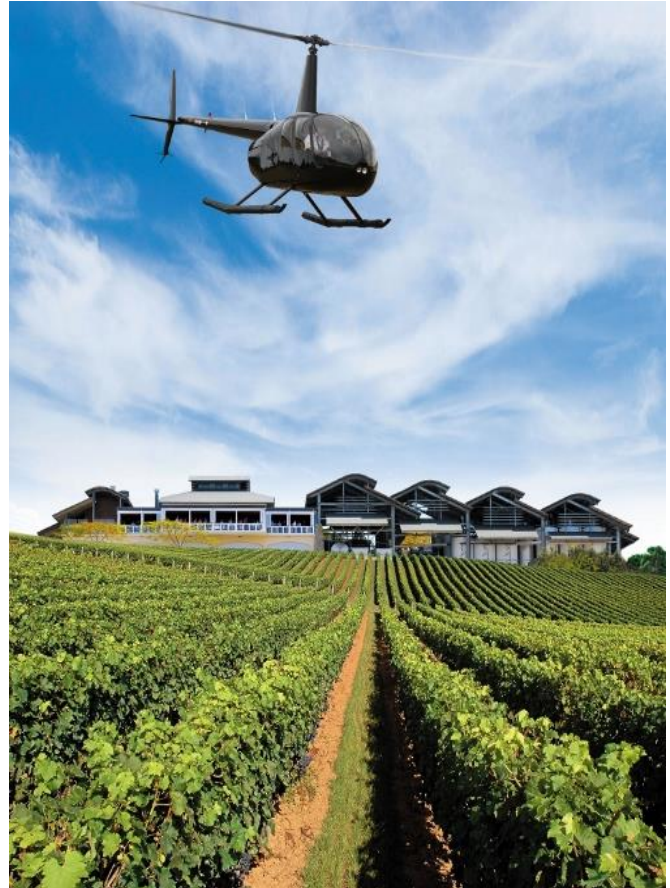
The facts tend to surprise many people.

Civil helicopter industries with the fewest amount of accidents include electronic news gathering, utilities patrol, external load carrying, and search & rescue actions.

In addition, only one percent of all helicopter accidents occur during emergency medical service (EMS) activities. Helicopter EMS accidents tend to receive a higher share of news coverage because they are more likely to occur during challenging visibility and weather conditions and they are more likely to result in fatalities.

As for the operations with the highest likelihood of accidents? About 20 percent of all civil helicopter accidents involve personal/private flights and another 20 percent happen during instructional flying. Even the mundane tasks of re-positioning and returning to base cause 13 percent of helicopter accidents. (*)

The IHST promotes safety and works to reduce civil helicopter accidents worldwide. The organization was formed in 2005 to lead a government and industry cooperative effort to address factors that were affecting an unacceptable helicopter accident rate. The group's vision is an international civil helicopter community with zero accidents with a goal to reduce the international civil helicopter accident rate by 80 percent by 2016. More information about the IHST, its reports, safety tools, and presentations can be obtained at its web site at www.IHST.org and on the IHST Facebook page.



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