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International Helicopter Safety Team

Our Vision: An International Civil Helicopter Community With Zero Accidents

HELICOPTER SAFETY QUICK FACTS

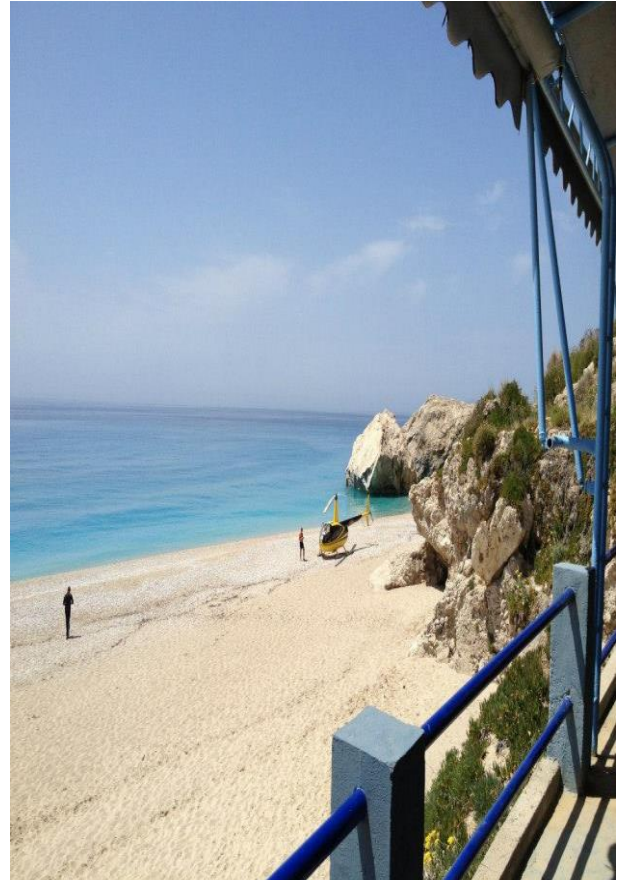
Do Private Helicopter Pilots Have the Most Accidents Because They Fly the Most Hours?

The troubling answer is no.

Looking at 10 years of helicopter data, we see that personal/private flying makes up about 4 percent of all civil helicopter flight hours. But instead of being involved in about 4 or 5 percent of helicopter accidents, personal/private flying results in more than 20 percent of all civil helicopter accidents. (*)

The gap between the expected share of accidents and the real share is noteworthy and concerning. What are the reasons for this gap? There are many: poor management of risk, poor judgment, training issues, hazardous attitudes by helicopter pilots. The good news? These can be fixed.

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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