



# IHST

**International Helicopter Safety Team**

Our Vision: An International Civil Helicopter Community With Zero Accidents

## *HELICOPTER SAFETY QUICK FACTS*

### **How Risky are Helicopter Operations Compared to Other Types of Aviation?**

Helicopter flying is among the safest within General Aviation operations.

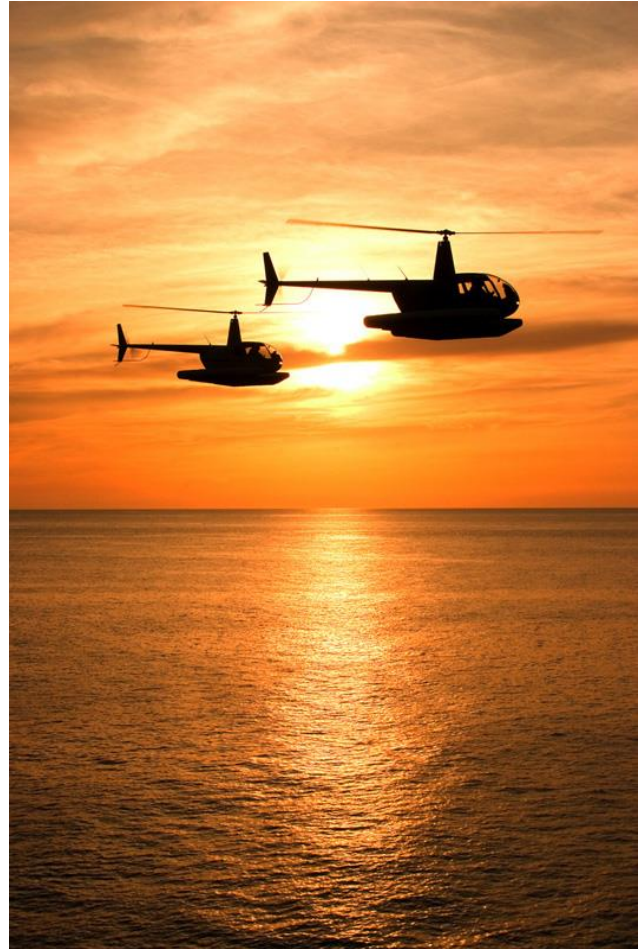
Accident rates vary from continent to continent and from country to country. For a quick comparison, in the United States, scheduled air carriers have an accident rate of less than 0.2 accidents per 100,000 flight hours and commuter carriers have an accident rate of about 1.3 per 100,000 flight hours. (1)

Within General Aviation, commercial fixed wing aircraft total about 3 accidents for every 100,000 flight hours compared to less than 2 ½ accidents per 100,000 flight hours for commercial helicopters. (2)

Among private/personal fixed wing aircraft, the accident rate is about 6 ½, while the rate for private helicopters is a little over 5 accidents per 100,000 flight hours. (3)

*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. More information about the IHST, its reports, safety tools, and presentations can be obtained at its web site at [www.IHST.org](http://www.IHST.org) and on the IHST Facebook page.*

- (1) NBAA preliminary data for 2012
- (2) 22<sup>nd</sup> Nall Report – 2010 data
- (3) 22<sup>nd</sup> Nall Report – 2010 data



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