

## **Safety Notice SN-17**

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### **NEVER EXIT HELICOPTER WITH ENGINE RUNNING**

Several accidents have occurred when pilots momentarily left their helicopters unattended with the engine running and rotors turning. The collective can creep up, increasing both pitch and throttle, allowing the helicopter to lift off or roll out of control.

### **HOLD CONTROLS WHEN BOARDING PASSENGERS**

It is important to firmly grip both cyclic and throttle while loading or unloading passengers with the engine running in case they inadvertently bump the controls or slide across the throttle, rolling it open.

### **NEVER LAND IN TALL DRY GRASS**

The engine exhaust is very hot and can easily ignite tall grass or brush. One R22 was completely destroyed by fire after a normal landing in tall grass.