

Safety Notice SN-23

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WALKING INTO TAIL ROTOR CAN BE FATAL

Non-pilot passengers have been killed by inadvertently walking into a rotating tail rotor. Every possible precaution must be taken by the pilot to prevent this tragic type of accident. The following rules should always be observed:

- 1) Never allow anyone to approach the helicopter unless they are escorted or have been properly instructed. If necessary, shut down and stop rotors before boarding passengers.
- 2) Always have strobe light flashing when rotors are turning.
- 3) Instruct passengers to establish and maintain eye contact with pilot when approaching helicopter. (This will force them to approach only from the nose or side, never the tail).
- 4) Instruct passengers to leave the helicopter in full view of the pilot and walk only around the nose, never the tail.
- 5) Be especially careful when landing off airports as unseen children or adults might approach the helicopter from the rear.