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## Damage to Agency Helicopter by an Unsecured Seat Belt.

Ensuring that seat belts are secured post a helicopter flight is the responsibility of the pilot. All Agency persons who have participated in a flight, share in the task of ensuring their seatbelts are secured behind them prior to departing the helicopter.

Recently during the flood emergency in the Grampians, an Agency helicopter suffered panel damage to the area behind the RHS door due to a seat belt not being secured and then exiting the aircraft during flight.

The attached photographs show the damage sustained by the helicopter in this incident.

Fortunately the damage was not sufficient to ground the aircraft.



Please assist pilots by ensuring that seat belts are secured prior to the closing of doors and the departure of an aircraft.



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