

Safety Notice SN-16

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POWER LINES ARE DEADLY

Flying into wires, cables, and other objects is by far the number one cause of fatal accidents in helicopters. Pilots must constantly be on the alert for this very real hazard.

- * Watch for the towers; you will not see the wires in time.
- * Fly directly over the towers when crossing power lines.
- * Allow for the smaller, usually invisible, grounding wire(s) which are well above the larger more visible wires.
- * Constantly scan the higher terrain on either side of your flight path for towers.
- * Always maintain at least 500 feet AGL except during take-off and landing. By always flying above 500 feet AGL, you can virtually eliminate the primary cause of fatal accidents.