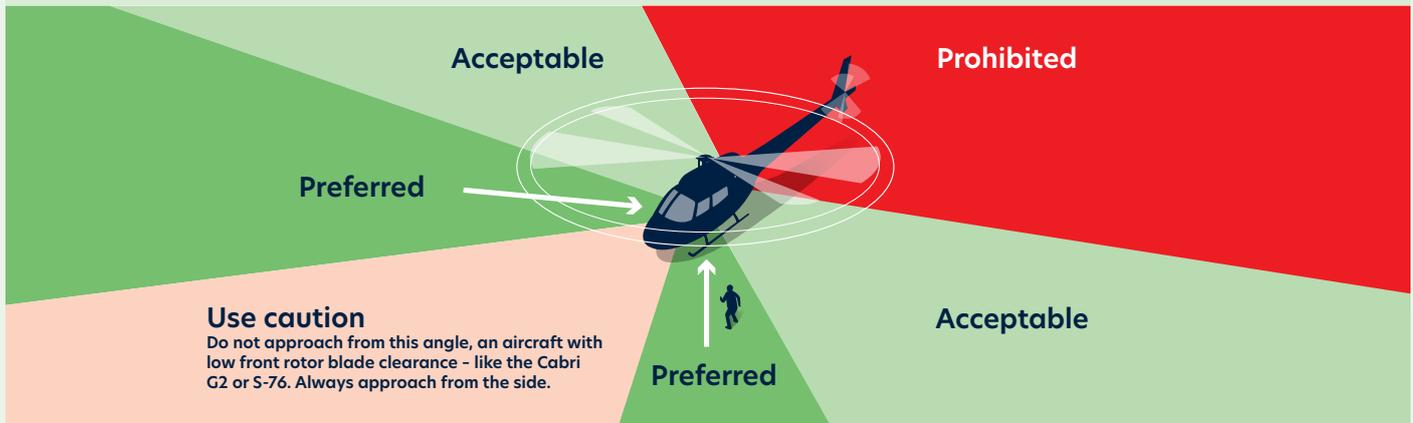


# Safety around helicopters

## APPROACHING OR LEAVING A HELICOPTER

### HELICOPTER SAFETY ZONES



Do not approach without receiving a visual signal from the pilot. Never leave without a visual or spoken instruction to do so. Stay where the pilot can see you at all times.



Crouch while walking for extra rotor clearance. Secure any loose articles such as hats and ensure your pockets are zipped up. Never reach up or chase after anything that blows away.



On sloping ground always approach or leave on the downslope side for maximum rotor clearance.



If blinded by swirling dust or grit, STOP - crouch lower, or sit down and wait for assistance.



Never approach or leave a helicopter when its engine and rotors are running down or starting up.



Carry long objects horizontally below waist level - never upright or on the shoulder.

## TAKE-OFF, LANDING, AND LOADING OPERATIONS



Clear helipad of loose articles. Secure your gear from the effects of rotor wash.



When transporting personnel, loading staff should ensure that:

- ✓ passengers are briefed on approaching and leaving the helicopter
- ✓ they are grouped together and positioned to one side of the landing zone
- ✓ they protect their eyes against blowing dust and particles
- ✓ each person looks after their own gear
- ✓ they are ready to board in turn as soon as the pilot gives the signal, and they are escorted to the helicopter.



When directing the pilot for landing, stand with back to wind and arms raised.

Fasten and adjust your seat belt on entering the helicopter and leave it fastened until the pilot signals you to get out.



When directing the pilot by radio, remember they may be too busy to give a reply.

