

**NW EUROPEAN CONTINENTAL SHELF
SUPPORT HELICOPTER OPERATIONS
FATAL ACCIDENTS**

UK SECTOR PASSENGER FLIGHTS

DATE	TYPE	CREW	PASS	LOCATION
21/04/76	S-58T	-	1	FORTIES FIELD
12/08/81	B212	-	1	E SHETLAND BASIN
13/08/81	WESSEX	2	11	OFF NORFOLK
06/11/86	CHINOOK	2	43	E OF SUMBURGH
25/07/90	S-61N	2	4	BRENT SPA
14/03/92	AS332L	1	10	CORMORANT ALPHA
14/07/02	S-76A	2	9	OFF NORFOLK
27/12/06	AS365N2	2	5	MORECOMBE BAY
	SUB-TOTAL	11	84	

UK SECTOR - SAR/TRAINING/MISC FLIGHTS

12/03/81	S-76A	2	2	ST FERGUS (TRAIN)
21/11/84	B212	2	-	NE OF HUMBER
14/09/82	B212	4	2	E SHET BASIN (SAR)
10/10/82	SA330J	2	-	ABERDEEN (TRAIN)
	SUB-TOTAL	10	4	
	UKCS TOTAL	21	88	

DANISH SECTOR

02/01/84	B212	2	1	E OF DAN B PLAT
	DANISH TOTAL	3		

DUTCH SECTOR

10/05/74	S-61N	2	4	N OF TEXEL
20/12/97	S-76B	-	1	N OF TERSCHELLING
	DUTCH TOTAL	7		

NORWEGIAN SECTOR - PASSENGER FLIGHTS

09/07/73	S-61N	-	4	SW OF STAVANGER
23/11/77	S-61N	2	12	SW OF STAVANGER
23/06/78	S-61N	2	16	W OF BERGEN
08/09/97	AS332L	2	10	NR NORNE
	SUB-TOTAL	6	42	

NORWEGIAN SECTOR - SAR/MISC FLIGHTS

14/10/90	B214ST	4	1	W NORWAY (SAR)
10/08/91	B212	3	-	EKOFISK
	SUB-TOTAL	7	1	
	NORWAY TOTAL	13	43	

NWECS TOTAL	38	137	
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NOTE: 1. This table EXCLUDES three HLO/engineer personnel killed in offshore helideck accidents.
2. Non-fatal injuries are not recorded.

A detailed independent study of fatal accidents involving NW European Continental Shelf (NWECS) support helicopter passenger flights, these apparently killing some 21 aircrew and 132 passengers, (but excluding helideck personnel, SAR and training missions) reveals that by generally accepted civil aviation industry criteria, the majority were technically "non-survivable. However, in the case of the Sumburgh Boeing Chinook crash, two of the 47 occupants did escape, as did six of 17 of from the CORMORANT ALPHA Tiger ditching at night in very poor weather conditions. However, in the case of notionally "survivable" accidents, one person was killed in the 21 April 1974 Sikorsky S-58T crash in the Forties field, and another died in the 12 August 1981 Bell 212 shuttle accident in the E Shetland Basin. Elsewhere, in Norway four men lost their lives in the 9 June 1973 Sikorsky S-61N ditching SW of Stavanger and, although exact details are uncertain, one passenger is believed to have died in the 20 December 1997 Sikorsky S-76B ditching off Terschelling for a NWECS-wide total of seven.