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## **SKYDIVING AIRCRAFT INCIDENTS 2023**

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## **INCIDENTS RESULTING IN FATALITIES OR INJURIES**

Date	Aircraft Type	Details of Incident	Injuries	Fatalities
10.02.2023	Cessna 208B Super Cargomaster	The pilot of a Cessna 208B Super Cargomaster performed an emergency landing in a field, after an engine failure.  Both occupants were injured and taken to hospital.	2	0
28.05.2023	Cessna 182D Skylane	A Cessna 182, was substantially damaged when it was involved in an accident. The commercial pilot was fatally injured. The airplane was operated as a Title 14 Code of Federal Regulations Part 91 skydiving flight.  Earlier that day, the accident pilot flew two separate sky diving flights in the accident airplane. One co-owner of the airplane owner/operator reported that following the 2nd flight, the pilot used a fuel dipstick to determine the level of fuel in both tanks and told him there were a total of 40 gallons on-board. The track data indicates that after departure, the flight remained primarily west of the airport within 5 nm while climbing consistently to a high of about 12,000 feet mean sea level (msl). One co-owner of the sky dive operation reported that the pilot announced on the common traffic advisory (CTAF) that the skydivers were away, then he made an announcement again on the CTAF that he was at 6,000 ft msl descending for downwind. The same co-owner reported hearing another transmission from the pilot, but that communication was unintelligible. The ADS-B data indicated that the flight began descending while proceeding towards OIC airport. The ADS-B data was lost at about 1451. A witness who was located about 0.9 nautical mile west-southwest from the accident site reported she and her husband were on their patio of their house; the patio is located on the east side of their house. She and her husband heard a strange noise that was "really close", then heard an airplane fly over their house, "very low." The airplane just cleared the tops of nearby trees. As it flew over their house, they heard the engine sputtering and when the airplane was over trees, the engine shut off. She indicated that the pilot tried to start it. They didn't hear any more engine sounds then heard the impact. They could not see		1 Pilot

		where he went down and there were no flames or explosion. She called 911 to report the accident.  Another witness who was on the front porch of her house located about 859 ft east-southeast from the accident site reported hearing the engine shut off when the jumpers departed the airplane then she heard the engine start up again. A short time later she heard metal sounds similar to a car accident then sirens. She thought there was a car accident and noticed vehicles on a road. When asked if the engine sound was continuous after hearing power applied to the crunching metal sound she reported she did not hear the engine.		
15.07.23	Cessna TU206G Turbo Stationair (Soloy)	The Cessna TU206G Turbo Stationair force landed on the runway shortly after take-off. Two occupants were injured. The plane was loaded with 6 skydivers.	2	0
17.07.2023	Cessna 208B Grand Caravan	A Cessna 208B Grand Caravan skydiving plane crashed into a hangar while performing touch-and-goes as part of a training flight. Gusty conditions were reportedly present at the time of the accident.  Witnesses spoke of a thunderstorm that had passed over the area and strong winds. Many people who were around the airfield were seeking shelter in the hangar.  One of the three pilots sustained fatal injuries and five persons on the ground died in the crash.		6 – 1 Pilot and 5 people on the ground.
26.08.2023	Cessna 182H Skylane	A Cessna 182H Skylane overran the runway during take-off and crashed into a ditch. Among the pilot and 4 parachutists on board, 1 parachutist suffered an injury and the aircraft received substantial damage.	1	0
15.10.2023	Cessna 208 Caravan I	The skydiving plane crashed on a wooded mountainside. The aircraft had just dropped fifteen skydivers at FL140.	0	1

## INCIDENTS RESULTING IN DAMAGE TO AIRCRAFT OR PROPERTY, OR NO DAMAGE.

Date	Aircraft Type	Details of Incident	
27.04.2023	Cessna U206F	A Cessna U206F Stationair force landed in a field, following a loss of engine power during a post-maintenance test flight.	
	Stationair	The nose landing gear collapsed after running into a depression.	
26.06.2023	Cessna 182L Skylane	A Cessna 182L Skylane force landed between the embankments of a river following a loss of engine power. When the left wing hit a tree, the plane swung, hit the quay and fell into a reservoir.	
	Skylalie	The pilot was not injured and the aircraft received substantial damage.	
11.07.2023	Cessna 182C	A Cessna 182C Skylane had mechanical problems and landed on a highway  Both occupants were uninjured and the aircraft was not damaged.	
	Skylane	Both occupants were uninjured and the aircraft was not damaged.	
26.07.2023	Beechcraft A90 King Air	Aircraft landed gear up.	
19.09.2023	De Havilland C-147A	De Havilland Canada C-147A collided with a hangar after dropping jumpers. Damage was enough to make it temporarily non-airworthy.	
26.09.2023	Cessna 182M Skylane II	. The Cessna 182R Skylane II force landed on a motorsport course	
27.09.2023	Cessna 182F	A Cessna 182F Skylane skydiving airplane suffered an engine failure after dropping parachutists and came	
	Skylane	down in a bushy area and sustained minor damage in a forced landing.  The sole pilot was not injured and the aircraft will be repaired.	
26.11.2023	Cessna 172N Skyhawk	A skydiving aircraft force landed in a forested area shortly after take-off, following a loss of engine power.	