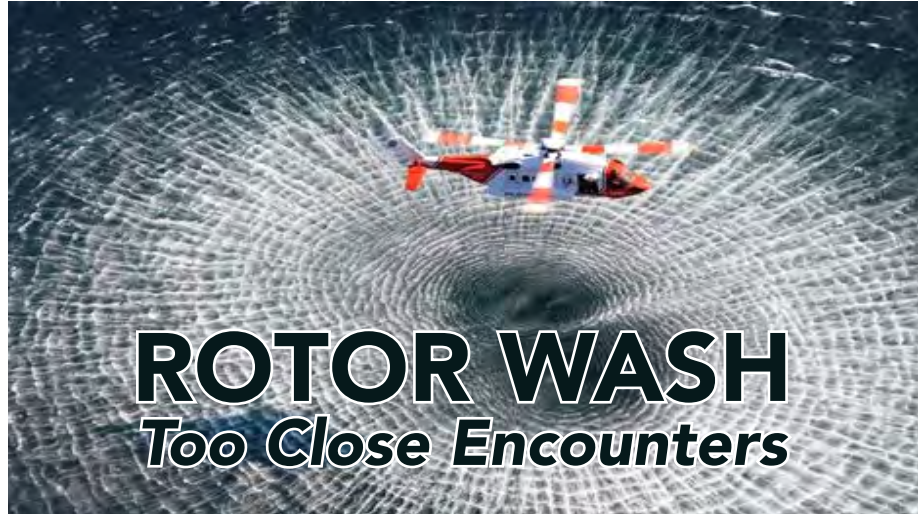
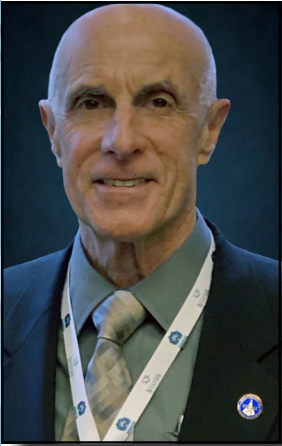


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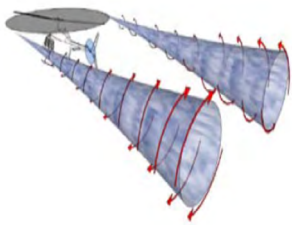
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Air Traffic Control / Airport Operations 4-3-3 Traffic Patterns (a) 3.

“Helicopters operating in the traffic pattern may fly a pattern similar to the fixed-wing aircraft pattern, but at a lower altitude (500 AGL) and closer to the runway. This pattern may be on the opposite side of the runway from fixed-wing traffic when airspeed requires or for practice power-off landings (autorotation) and if local policy permits. Landings not to the runway must avoid the flow of fixed-wing traffic.”

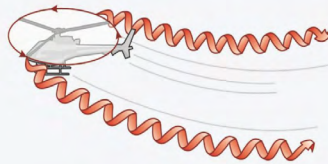
Section 7

“Pilots of small aircraft should avoid operating within three rotor diameters of any helicopter in a slow hover taxi or stationary hover.”



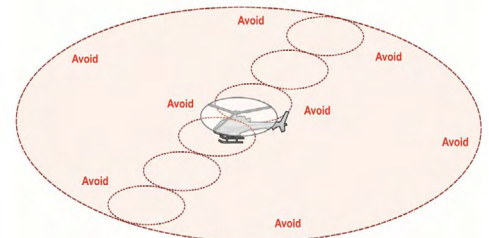
Typical helicopter wake vortices **Source:** AAIB Bulletin: 7/2010 EW/C2009/09/07

**Forward Flight, Landing and Departing Helicopters:
Small Aircraft, Use Caution Behind/Crossing Behind**



Source: FAA AC 90-23G

**Slow Hover Taxi or Stationary Hover:
Avoid Operations Within Distances of 3 Times
Rotor Diameter**



- Leo Berube

Accident Video - Cessna 120 caught in Helicopter Wake Turbulence <https://aviation-safety.net/wikibase/273729>