

X Pauline Taylor

On March 11th 2023, at around 3:00pm I was offered a free ride on a helicopter that was taking a couple of ladies on an aerial hog hunting experience, I figured why not!

We had been in the air for maybe 20-30 minutes, when we spotted a large group of hogs and the other 2 passengers started shooting. It wasn't too long after that before I realized we were not going back up and that instead we were about to hit the ground. I'm not sure how high we were. The helicopter fell on its left side in muddy water. I was still secured on the right side basically hanging on my side for some time. Once the other two passengers were out safely, one helped me up by having me step on her hands, this is when I realized my left shoulder/neck was in pain, and I could not use my arm to brace myself, so the pilot lifted me out of the helicopter, and we walked to safety. The other passenger noted that she could not move her wrist and that it was most likely fractured.

During all this commotion someone asked what happened and the pilot said we had lost lift, I was not sure and still don't know what that meant.

I'm just grateful there were no serious injuries.

Pauline Taylor

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X From: Tammy Townley [REDACTED]
Subject: March 11, 2023 crash
Date: Mar 16, 2023 at 10:14:40 PM
To: [REDACTED]

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Wish you the best,

Victoria (Tory) Townley