

This is my recollection of the helicopter accident:

After completing my pre-flight inspection, I sat down in the right seat, buckled in and Mr. [REDACTED] began the startup checklist. He was conducting the startup and started the engine, and there was nothing out of the ordinary during this portion to my knowledge. As we finished the checklist, we prepared ourselves for pickup, and made note that we might have to make slight engine RPM adjustments (can't remember increase or decrease). Mr. [REDACTED] began to lift us off and maneuver us onto the taxiway. As we were slowly moving forward, the nose appeared to pitch up while at the same time the engine sounded like it spooled down a bit and we began to sink rapidly from the hover. Then having bounced from the ground we began to spin and lose control of the aircraft, shortly later impacting the taxiway and the dirt beyond. After having come to an arrest Mr. [REDACTED] began shut down procedures as I think the engine was still running.