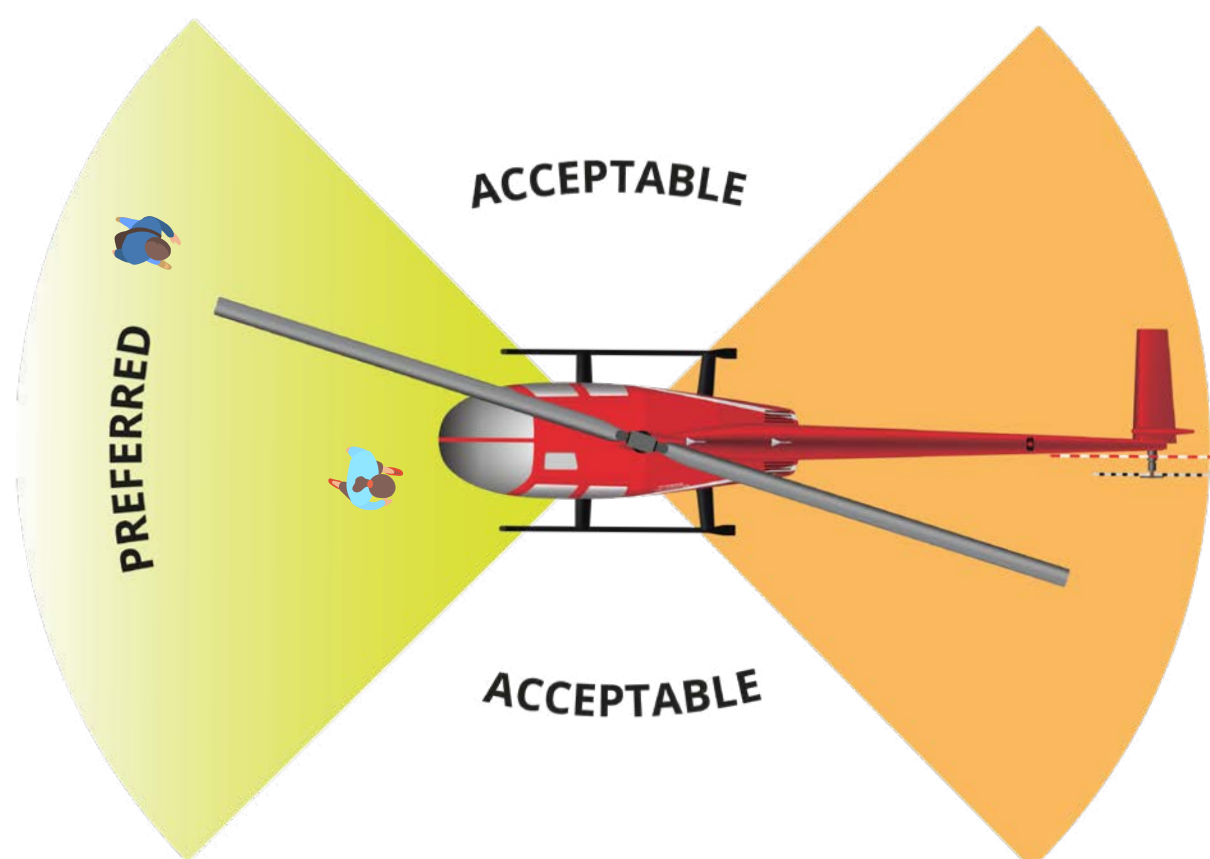




Safely working around helicopters



Wait for acknowledgement from the pilot to enter or leave the rotor arc. Approach and leave to the side or front in a crouched position – never by the rear of the helicopter.



Do not approach or leave the helicopter without the pilot's acknowledgement. Make sure the pilot can see you at all times and observe the helicopter safety zones as shown above.



On sloping ground, **always approach or leave on the downslope side** for maximum rotor clearance.



If swirling dust, grit or snow is a possibility, **remain clear of the helicopter landing and take-off area until visibility is restored.** If blinded by swirling dust, grit or snow, and unable to confidently evacuate away from the helicopter, STOP – crouch lower, or sit down and wait for assistance.



Objects swept along by rotor wash can be dangerous. Ensure bags are done up and loose objects on your person such as hats are secured. Secure loose ground objects in the take-off and landing area.



Do not approach or leave a helicopter when the engine and rotors are starting up or running down.



Approach the helicopter in a crouching manner for extra clearance. Remove or secure all loose articles, including hats. Never reach up or chase after articles that blow away.



Carry tools etc. horizontally below waist level – never upright or on the shoulder.