



# HELICOPTER CRASHES ON TRAIN TRACKS NEAR BALTIMORE-WASHINGTON AIRPORT

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**A helicopter crashed on rail tracks near Baltimore/Washington International Airport on Saturday, sparking a brush fire and delaying Amtrak train service along a major passenger route, officials said.**

**The crash, which injured three on board, resulted in delays to Amtrak service between Baltimore and Washington, D.C., according to the railroad's statements and social media posts.**

An Amtrak spokeswoman said that by mid-afternoon all service had resumed between the two cities. Airline operations were not affected, airport spokeswoman Whitney Kidd said.

The helicopter was flying at low altitude around a power line when it crashed a mile north of the Maryland airport, near Amtrak's BWI Station, the Federal Aviation Administration and Anne Arundel County police said.

The helicopter, operated by a private contractor conducting a land survey for an electric company, was destroyed in the crash, said Ariel Jackson, a lieutenant at the Anne Arundel County Fire Department.

Three people on board were transported to the hospital with injuries that were not life-threatening,

Jackson said. No one else was hurt, the FAA and police said.

Lieutenant Ryan Frashure, a spokesman for the Anne Arundel County Police Department, said firefighters were on the scene of the crash, which was reported just before 1 p.m. on the major passenger train corridor linking Washington and other northeastern cities.

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