

HEY, SMITTY,  
LOOKS LIKE IT'S  
GONNA RAIN CATS  
AND DOGS. CLOSE  
THE COCKPIT  
WINDOWS BEFORE  
YOU GO!

OK. I'LL  
BATTEN  
DOWN THE  
HATCHES  
BEFORE THE  
STORM.

# Protect Cockpit from Elements

**M**echanics, as long as you batten down the cockpit hatches, your Chinook will be protected from the weather.

The weather we're talking about is rain. Your Chinook cockpit contains electrical equipment, including multi-functional displays. You should never leave the cockpit windows open because a sudden rain shower and electricity don't mix.

The right (pilot) and left (co-pilot) cockpit circuit breaker panels, generally referred to as the AC and DC electrical panels, sit next to the windows. If rain contacts the circuit breakers, you could be looking at fried breakers and wiring damage.

If the cockpit windows are accidentally left open during a shower, let the breakers dry before you start your aircraft. Then, if you turn on the aircraft and circuit breakers pop or nothing works, it's time to call your electrician.

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Water can damage electrical panels