

Skydiver Hit By Plane - Walks Away Uninjured!

A skydiver collided with a single-engine Cessna airplane at a small airfield in Florida and escaped with only minor injuries. He says he remembers the incident clearly and couldn't believe what was going to happen to him just moments before the impact.



"It was just unimaginable that there was an aircraft about to hit me," the 49-year-old skydiver said.

John Frost, the skydiver, was coming in for a landing when he saw the small private plane heading straight for him.

The plane's 87-year-old pilot and World War II veteran was practicing his takeoff and landing maneuvers.

"All the sudden I looked over to my right and there was an aircraft coming at me, I realized I was going to have an impact. I scrunched up into a ball and tried to prepare myself," John said. "My first thought is that I don't want to end up in the propeller," he added.

The nose of the plane, and spinning propeller, flew directly through the strings of the parachute. Fortunately for John, the strings got tangling around the wing, this stopped him from being pulled into the propeller. Instead, John was flung higher into the air and then came crashing down to the ground.

The pilot lost control of the airplane and crashed it into the ground. When it finally came to a stop it was planted into the ground at a 90-degree angle.

"I pulled back on the stick to make the airplane go up and not hit him," the pilot said. "If I hadn't thought fast enough myself, he would have been dead."

The pilot was hospitalized for a few days. He was treated for several lacerations, the worst one was on his neck and it required quite a few stitches. Due to a blow to his throat area he also bruised his vocal cords, so he had a very hard time speaking.

Surprisingly, the skydiver, who was hit by the plane, walked away in better condition than the pilot. He was treated in the ER and was home in time for diner.

"I'm very sore, some bruising, no broken bones, no internal injuries," John said.

John is an experienced skydiver and he's never before heard of a plane hitting a skydiver.

It's hard to believe, but John says the incident hasn't discouraged him from skydiving.

"Hopefully I'll heal up soon, and as soon as I get a new rig or decide to rent one, and as soon as I feel safe to jump, I'll get back up there," he said.

John is a skydiving enthusiast and has this to say about the sport, "It clears your mind. It gives you the exhilaration of a lifetime."

What do you think about skydiving?

Would you ever skydive?