



Australian Government
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FLYING YOUR DRONE FOR FUN?

KNOW THE RULES—FLY SAFE

Congratulations on your purchase

We hope you have fun flying! But before you take off, there are a few things you need to remember for everyone's safety.

RPAS
REMOTELY PILOTED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS

IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

You must only fly during the day and keep your RPA **within visual line-of-sight**.

This means being able to see the aircraft with your own eyes (rather than through first-person-view [FPV]) at all times.



If you are in controlled airspace, which covers most Australian cities, you must **not fly higher than 120 metres**.

You must keep your RPA at least **30 metres away from other people**.



You must **not fly over populous areas** where—if your drone was to fail—it could hit someone. This could include beaches, parks, or sport ovals where there is a game in progress.

You should **not fly within 5.5km of an airfield**



It is **illegal to fly for money or economic reward** unless you have an RPA operators certificate, or you are flying an excluded RPA in the sub-2kg or private landholder category.



Remember, you must not **operate your RPA in a way that creates a hazard** to another aircraft, person or property.

Respect personal privacy

Don't record or photograph people without their consent—this may breach state laws.



FURTHER INFORMATION

If you have any questions about flying your RPA recreationally, or have other RPA operational enquiries, please contact CASA's RPAS Office at rpas@casa.gov.au

casa.gov.au/rpa

FLYING WITH CONTROL?



Have fun, but
remember it's
an aircraft...



...and like all other aircraft operators, you need to know some rules, so your aircraft isn't destroyed, and everyone in the air and on the ground gets home safely.



You need to be able to see the aircraft, with your own eyes (eg, without binoculars) at all times.

Don't let it get too far away from you!



You need to fly the aircraft so it isn't a hazard to other aircraft, property, and people.

That means not flying it over areas where there are people.

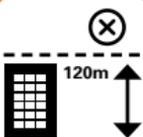


Fly the aircraft in daylight only.



Give way to all other aircraft.

You don't want your aircraft destroyed in a collision with a bigger aircraft, or be responsible for damaging it, or for putting people's lives at risk.



You cannot fly your aircraft higher than 120 metres (400 feet) above ground level.



You cannot fly closer than four kilometres from any aerodrome.

You cannot fly in controlled airspace without a clearance from Air Traffic Control. For more information, see the CAA web site.

You can fly outside some of these conditions, but there are more rules to keep you and your aircraft safe, so contact Model Flying New Zealand or the Civil Aviation Authority.