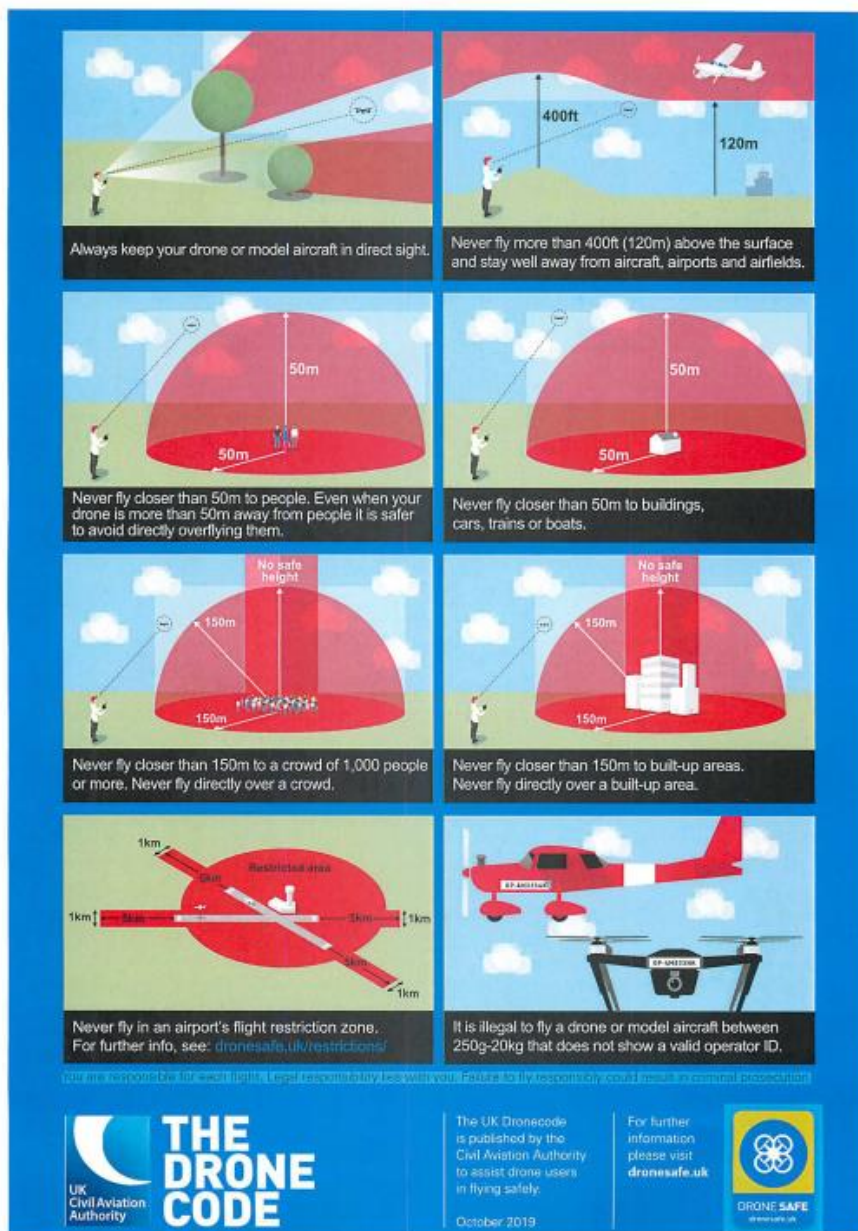


Unmanned Aircraft Flight Restrictions around RAF Fairford

RAF Fairford is experiencing an increasing number of Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS), or drones, flying within its Flight Restriction Zone.

UAS operators flying drones near any military airfield must ensure they are aware of the UK policy for their safe operation. When you fly a drone in the UK it is **your legal responsibility** to be aware of the rules that are in place to keep everyone safe. Due to their small size and maneuverability they are hard to spot and identify by pilots of larger, faster moving aircraft. This means they may not see it until they have already hit it, which could cause major damage and potentially loss of life. The Operations and Safety teams at RAF Fairford are committed to providing a safe operating environment and will provide the latest information as it becomes available.

The **Drone Code** forms part of the Civil Aviation Authority's guidance to drone operators which can be found on the website <https://dronesafe.uk/drone-code/>



The infographic is a 4x2 grid of panels on a blue background, each with a red semi-circular hazard zone. The top-left panel shows a person flying a drone with a red cone of vision, captioned 'Always keep your drone or model aircraft in direct sight.' The top-right panel shows a drone at 400ft (120m) with a red semi-circle above it, captioned 'Never fly more than 400ft (120m) above the surface and stay well away from aircraft, airports and airfields.' The second row shows a 50m red semi-circle over a person (captioned 'Never fly closer than 50m to people...') and a 50m red semi-circle over a car (captioned 'Never fly closer than 50m to buildings, cars, trains or boats.'). The third row shows a 150m red semi-circle over a crowd (captioned 'Never fly closer than 150m to a crowd of 1,000 people or more...') and a 150m red semi-circle over a building (captioned 'Never fly closer than 150m to built-up areas. Never fly directly over a built-up area.'). The bottom-left panel shows a red 'Restricted area' with a 1km radius and a red 'No-fly zone' with a 1km radius, captioned 'Never fly in an airport's flight restriction zone. For further info, see: dronesafe.uk/restrictions/'. The bottom-right panel shows a red biplane and a drone, captioned 'It is illegal to fly a drone or model aircraft between 250g-20kg that does not show a valid operator ID.'

THE DRONE CODE
UK Civil Aviation Authority

The UK Dronecode is published by the Civil Aviation Authority to assist drone users in flying safely.
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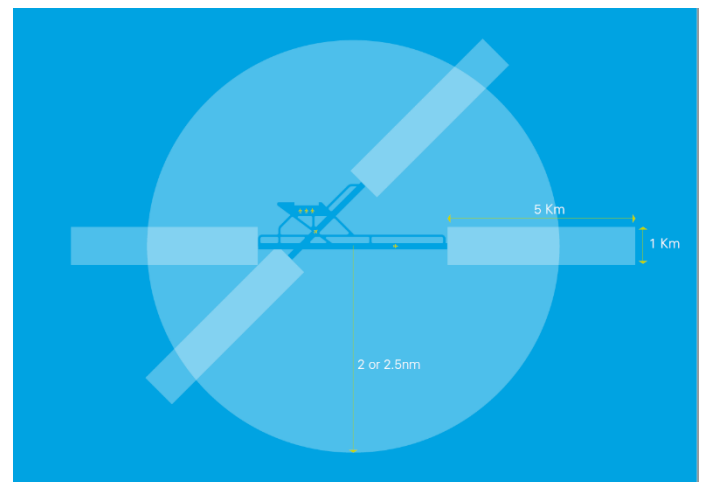
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The Drone Code refers to an airfield's Flight Restriction Zone and it is illegal to fly anywhere in this area without permission from the air traffic control unit at the aerodrome.

The permitted 'operating height' is limited to a maximum distance of 400 feet (120 metres) from the closest point of the earth's surface.

The Flight Restriction Zone also includes a 2.5 nautical mile radius "cylinder" around the airfield, extending 2,000 ft above ground level; a rectangle extending 5km from the threshold of each runway away from the airfield and 500m either side, also to a height of 2,000 ft above ground level; and can be extended across unprotected areas by 1km beyond the airfield boundary.



Further information is available on the drone safe website.

Operations within the Flight Restriction Zone may be permitted, but permission MUST be sought from the appropriate authority, which in this case is RAF Fairford Airfield Operations.

The base has a Drone Request Procedure and all enquiries should, in the first instance, be sent to the Community Relations Adviser, Jenny Collyer, at jennifer.collyer.2.gb@us.af.mil / 01285 714965, or the Airfield Operations Chief at 420abs.osa@us.af.mil / 01285 714820. A minimum of 5 working days is required to process a drone request

If you see any activity which you believe contravenes the Drone Code, or have any safety concerns, please contact the Ministry of Defence Police using the number 01285 714225.

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