

# FLYING DRONES SAFELY AND LEGALLY:

## CAA regulations state that:

- UAVs must be operated within Visual Line of Sight (VLOS), within 500m horizontally, and 400ft vertical height of the pilot
- You must not operate within 50m of persons, vehicles, vessels, or structures not under control of the pilot (30m for take off/landing)
- You must not operate within 150m of a congested area (an area substantially used for residential, industrial, commercial, or recreational purposes)
- You must have permission of the Landowner from where they take off and land
- Flying in Controlled Air Space <7kg drones do not require permission of the Air Traffic Control (but we always recommend informing the ATC)  
However >7kg drones do require permission from Air Traffic Control
- You must not recklessly or negligently act in a manner likely to endanger an aircraft or any persons in an aircraft
- You must not recklessly or negligently cause or permit an aircraft to endanger any person or property

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## An approved pilot with a Permission for Commercial Operation (PfCO) (which replaced the Permission for Aerial Work (PfAW) on the 25th August 2016) can use the following exemptions:

- A person flying an aircraft <7kg must not fly within 50m of a congested area

The diagram below gives visual guidance for UAV operations. Further details can be found on the CAA website.

