



Rwanda Civil Aviation Authority



Be Safe, Be Legal

You must comply with the following conditions

Not doing so can put lives, aircraft, and property at risk



You have control

Remember, when you fly an unmanned aircraft (the drone), the responsibility is yours.



You are responsible for each flight

You are legally responsible for the safe conduct of each flight.

Take time to understand the rules - failure to comply could lead to a **criminal prosecution.**



Keep your distance

It is illegal to fly your unmanned aircraft directly over populated areas (streets, towns and cities)

Do not fly closer than 10 km from any airport.



BEFORE each flight, check drone for damage

Before each flight check that your unmanned aircraft is not damaged, and that all components are working in accordance with the **Supplier's User Manual**.

Ask yourself, for example, are the batteries fully charged?



Keep your distance 50m

Don't fly your unmanned aircraft within 30 metres of a building or structure, or overhead large groups of people, including sporting events, concerts and festivals at any height.

Do not fly over or within 50 of moving vehicles where you may endanger or distract drivers.



**Drone is in sight
at all times**

You must keep the unmanned aircraft within your sight at all times (visual line-of-sight).

Fly your drone during daylight and in good weather (visual meteorological conditions).

Operate the drone within a lateral distance of 300 metres

Operated only one drone in flight



**Consider rights of
privacy and security**

Respect the privacy of others – avoid flying over private property or taking photos or videos without permission.

Do not fly your drone within restricted and controlled airspace, including near or over military, police and prisons facilities.

Think about what you do with any images you obtain as you may breach privacy laws.



YOU are responsible for avoiding collisions

You are responsible for avoiding collisions with other people or objects - including aircraft.

Do not fly your unmanned aircraft in any way that could endanger people or property.

You must subscribe for public liability insurance coverage appropriate to the unmanned aircraft operations.

Don't fly higher than 100m above the ground.



Permission to use drones

You must get a 'Permission' from the Rwanda Civil Aviation Authority, or you could face prosecution.

Get permission from the owner(s) of the property on which the drone intends to take-off from and/or land on.

You must hold an unmanned aircraft pilot licence/permit with appropriate rating.