

The information contained in this leaflet, and any Permission issued by the Civil Aviation Department, only relates to aviation rules and legislation.

When using a drone to capture footage of wildlife you must still follow the **Falkland Islands Countryside Code**. For more information regarding environmental regulations and legislation, please contact the **Falkland Islands Government Environmental Department** (+500) 28427 or environmental.officer@sec.gov.fk

In some circumstances you may need **Accreditation** for your intended drone flights. Please contact the **Falkland Islands Government PR, Media & Communications Office** on (+500) 27400 or communications.head@sec.gov.fk for more details.

Outside of Stanley almost all of the land is privately owned. **Please ensure that you have landowner permission** prior to commencing any drone flight on and over private land.


DRONE FLYING




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UNDERSTANDING THE LAW AND YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES

What is a drone?



A drone, or a Small Unmanned Aircraft (SUA), or Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV), is defined as **an aircraft without a pilot on board**, and these are becoming an increasingly popular gadget and tool all over the world.

Because a drone is defined as an **aircraft**, this means that drone operators must follow certain parts of **aviation law***, and if those laws are broken it could be considered a **criminal offence**.

The Falkland Islands Civil Aviation Department takes the responsibility for regulating drone use in the Falkland Islands seriously. We do not want to stop drone users having fun - but we **do** want you to have the right information so that you can use your drone safely, and prevent any incidents between your drone and other aircraft or people.

*Article 73,

Airports and Air Traffic Zone

Whilst flying your drone, it is important to be incredibly cautious when operating near an airport or rural airstrip.

Stanley Airport Air Traffic Zone extends out from the runway on a 4 mile radius - creating a circular zone which covers the whole town of Stanley. Inside this Zone there are manned aircraft taking off or preparing for landing - this includes the local FIGAS aircraft; small private aircraft; helicopters; and other military aircraft. If you are flying your drone within that area **please contact Stanley Airport** Tel; (+500) 27301 and tell them where you will be flying your drone. You **must not** fly your drone within the boundary of Stanley Airport. We also ask that you contact **Mount Pleasant Airport** if you intend to fly near there. Tel (+500) 73661. You are responsible for ensuring that your drone does not collide with other aircraft.

Please note that if your drone weighs more than 7kg (excluding fuel) different rules apply. Please contact the Civil Aviation Department for more information.

don't

- **DO NOT** fly the drone in a way that could **endanger a person or property**.
- **DO NOT** allow anything to be **dropped from the drone**.
- **DO NOT** fly the drone **within 50m of any person, vessel, vehicle or structure that is not under your control**.
- **DO NOT** fly the drone **within 30m of any person that is not under your control during take off and landing**.
- **DO NOT** fly the drone at more than **400 feet**.
- **DO NOT** fly the drone if the **operating app does not have the latest firmware update**.

do

- **DO only fly the drone if you are satisfied that the flight can be made safely**.
- **DO maintain visual contact with the drone at all times during it's flight**.
- **DO obtain permission from the Civil Aviation Department if you intend to use your drone for commercial purposes**.
- **DO contact landowners before flying the drone on private land**.
- **DO have fun with your drone**.