

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) 28449 or [environment@sec.gov.fk](mailto:environment@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.officer@sec.gov.fk](mailto:communications.officer@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.

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# DRONE FLYING



## UNDERSTANDING THE LAW AND YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES

A drone, or a Small Unmanned Aircraft (SUA), or Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV), is defined as ‘**any unmanned aircraft, other than a balloon or kite, having a mass of not more than 25kg without its fuel but including any articles or equipment installed in or attached to the aircraft at the commencement of its flight**’.

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,  
Air Navigation (Overseas Territories) Order 2013  
including the Air Navigation (Overseas Territories)  
(Amendment) (No 2) Order 2021

## Airports and Air Traffic Zone

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

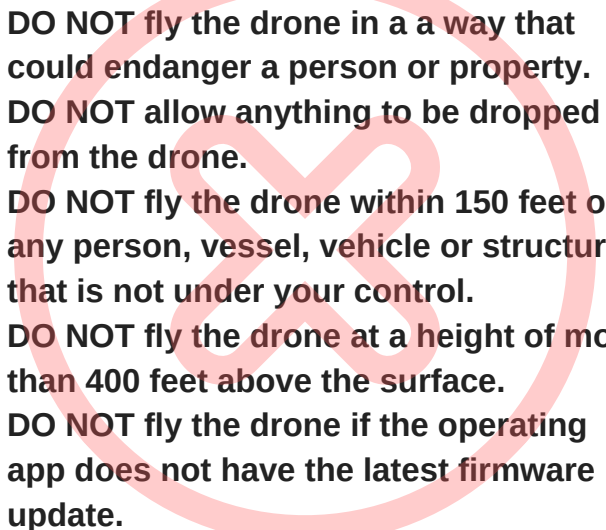
**Stanley Airport Air Traffic Zone** extends out from the runway on a 4 mile radius - creating a circular zone which covers the whole town of Stanley. Inside this Zone there are manned aircraft taking off or preparing for landing - this includes the local FIGAS aircraft; small private aircraft; helicopters; and other military aircraft. If you are planning on flying your drone **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 before flying**, to ascertain if any other aircraft are in the area. Tel (+500) 73661.

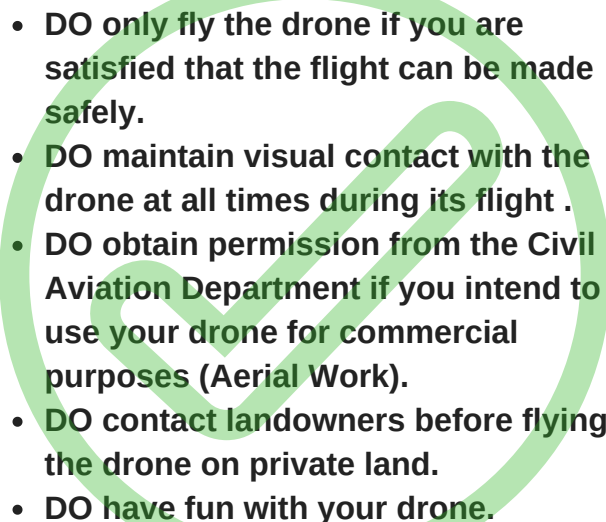
You are responsible for ensuring that your drone does not collide with other aircraft.

Please note that if your drone weighs more than 25kg (excluding fuel) different rules apply. Please contact the Civil Aviation Department for more information.

### don't

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- A large red prohibition sign (a circle with a diagonal slash) is overlaid on the 'don't' section, indicating that the following actions are prohibited.
- **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 150 feet of any person, vessel, vehicle or structure that is not under your control.
  - **DO NOT** fly the drone at a height of more than 400 feet above the surface.
  - **DO NOT** fly the drone if the operating app does not have the latest firmware update.

### do

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- A large green checkmark sign (a circle with a checkmark) is overlaid on the 'do' section, indicating that the following actions are recommended or required.
- **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 its flight .
  - **DO** obtain permission from the Civil Aviation Department if you intend to use your drone for commercial purposes (Aerial Work).
  - **DO** contact landowners before flying the drone on private land.
  - **DO** have fun with your drone.