



## Attention Recreational Drone Operators:

According to the FAA, one million drones were sold in 2015. Whether you received a drone as a gift, already have one or gave one to someone else; flying a drone in the National Airspace (NAS) comes with a huge responsibility to fly it safely and responsibly. Once your drone is in the air you are considered a pilot and must follow the rules and guidelines set forth by the FAA in flying in the shared NAS. Remember that a hospital helipad is considered an airport and you are required to notify the hospital that you are flying within five miles of the helipad. We want you to have fun and enjoy your drone while flying safe and responsibly. Our flight crews, patients and the first responders are counting on you! To learn more go to [www.knowbeforeyoufly.org](http://www.knowbeforeyoufly.org)

## Drone Registration:

Hobby operators who have drone(s) weighing one half pound to 55 pounds, that were purchased before 12/21/15 are required to register them by 2/19/16. Registration is through a special website at <https://www.faa.gov/uas/registration/> Upon registering, drone operators will receive a certificate to print out containing their registration number. **That number must be placed on all of their drones.** Registration is valid for three years. A registration fee of \$5 per operator will be charged, BUT if you register before 1/20/16, your \$5 will be refunded. Those who purchase drones on or after 12/21 must register before flying the drone outdoors. **A federal law effective 12/21/15 requires unmanned aircraft registration.** If you do not register, you are subject to civil & criminal penalties. Learn any restrictions/requirements in effect at the location where you want to fly by using the **B4UFLY Smart Phone App** at <https://www.faa.gov/uas/b4uflly/>

# I FLY SAFE

All drones are aircraft—even the ones at the toy store. So when I fly a drone I am a pilot. Before I fly I always go through my pre-flight check list. I regularly check the safety guidelines at [faa.gov/uas](http://faa.gov/uas)

**FLY SMART, FLY SAFE, AND HAVE FUN!**

Federal Aviation Administration  
[knowbeforeyoufly.org](http://knowbeforeyoufly.org) [faa.gov/uas](http://faa.gov/uas)

## PRE-FLIGHT CHECKLIST

- 1 I fly below 400 feet
- 1 I always fly within visual line of sight
- 1 I'm aware of FAA airspace requirements: [faa.gov/go/uas/tra](http://faa.gov/go/uas/tra)
- 1 I never fly over groups of people
- 1 I never fly over stadiums and sports events
- 1 I never fly within 5 miles of an airport without first contacting air traffic control and airport authorities
- 1 I never fly near emergency response efforts such as fires
- 1 I never fly near other aircraft
- 1 I never fly under the influence

**KNOW BEFORE YOU FLY** Here's what you need to know: Learn more at [www.knowbeforeyoufly.org](http://www.knowbeforeyoufly.org)

### 1 law

#### Respect local ordinances.

- Respect community ordinances and guidelines established for public places.

Even if nothing is posted, it's good to check with local authorities before you fly.

- Respect your neighbors' privacy.

### 2 limits

#### Fly within guidelines.

These include rules set forth by federal laws and guidelines recommended by the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA).

- Fly within Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) guidelines.
- Do not fly beyond your line of sight.
- Do not fly in high winds or reduced visibility.
- Do not fly within 25 feet of bystanders.
- Avoid flying near stadiums and large open-air events.

For more information, visit [www.faa.gov/uas](http://www.faa.gov/uas)

### 3 surroundings

#### Know the conditions.

Don't fly your unmanned aircraft near bystanders or during emergency situations such as wildfires, medical evacuations, or search-and-rescue operations unless authorized by the proper authorities.

Watch for and avoid potential hazards in your environment such as:

- Manned aircraft
- Unprotected people
- Moving vehicles
- Roadways
- Private property
- Infrastructure
- Deteriorating weather

### 4 airspace

#### Share the sky.

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) currently expects all unmanned aircraft operators to:

- Fly below 400 feet.
- See and avoid manned aircraft.
- Be aware of Temporary Flight Restrictions (TFRs) that affect the operation of unmanned or remote controlled aircraft.

You can find information on current TFRs at [www.modelaircraft.org](http://www.modelaircraft.org), [www.faa.gov](http://www.faa.gov), and by following @modelaircraft on Twitter.

- Never fly within 5 miles of an airport without first contacting airport authorities.

## HOW DO I LEARN MORE?

### Get ready to get schooled.

AMA Flight School includes free educational materials for anyone interested in unmanned aircraft.

Designed to answer the question, "How do I ...," AMA Flight School provides information about topics such as:

- Battery and operational safety.
- Building your own multicopter aircraft.
- Selecting safe locations to fly.
- Participating in the Search and Rescue challenge with UAS4STEM. (Learn more at [www.uas4stem.org](http://www.uas4stem.org).)

There's a great pilot in you.

*Go find it!*

[www.amaflightschool.org](http://www.amaflightschool.org)

## THE MOST FUN YOU CAN HAVE (WITHOUT A LICENSE).

### Welcome to the club.

The Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) is the largest model aviation organization in the world. With more than 185,000 members, we're standing behind you to give you the support and guidance you need to be successful and, most importantly, have a great time.

AMA members enjoy a suite of great benefits including:

- Liability insurance
- Subscription to *Model Aviation* magazine
- Competition privileges
- Scholarships
- Flying site assistance

For more information, visit [www.modelaircraft.org](http://www.modelaircraft.org)

### Flying is just for fun.

Whether you call your aircraft a drone or an unmanned aircraft, if you intend to fly for something other than recreation, there are certain requirements that must be met.

Visit the Know Before You Fly website at [www.knowbeforeyoufly.org](http://www.knowbeforeyoufly.org) for more information.

### Interested in commercial or public-use flying?

There are options available to you through the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)

Visit [www.faa.gov/uas/legislative\\_programs/section\\_333/](http://www.faa.gov/uas/legislative_programs/section_333/) for more information.

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## WE'RE YOUR GUIDE TO RESPONSIBLE FLYING.

Flying guidance provided by the Academy of Model Aeronautics, the world's largest model aviation organization.