

UAV code of conduct

Users of UAVs need to follow the [Civil Aviation Authority rules on the use of UAVs](#). The Auckland Council Public Safety and Nuisance Bylaw 2013 states flyers must not use their UAV “recklessly or in a manner which may intimidate, be dangerous, be injurious to or cause a nuisance to any person”.

In addition to these rules, when flying in a public space or over a beach, you should adhere to the code of conduct.

Don't:

- fly a drone over a sports field if it's in use
- operate over parked vehicles or park roads
- operate within of 20 metres of or be flown over other users of the park
- fly over or within 50 metres of livestock on parks, sensitive wildlife habitats such as wetlands, or nesting or roosting birds
- operate within 20 metres of or fly over park buildings and overhead wires
- operate over dry flammable vegetation
- fly over adjoining private properties.

Do:

- be courteous of other park users, beachgoers and people walking dogs
- keep the UAV in full view at all times (e.g. not operated through binoculars, video monitor or smartphone, unless an observer is present)
- fly in daylight hours only
- cease operation if requested by council staff.

Any breaches of the code of conduct could result in the council terminating your permission to fly UAVs on public land.