

The City of Mandurah (the City) recognises that the use of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles also known as “drones” are a popular form of recreational pursuit as well as creating commercial opportunities for licenced commercial operators; however, drones can also generate significant public concern with respect to privacy and safety.

Drone Operations

The City of Mandurah does not regulate the use of drones and have not introduced any local laws to prohibit the use of drones on, or over the City’s land, instead it will rely on educating the public about the responsible use of drones.

Recreational and commercial use of drones are to be conducted in accordance with the *Civil Aviation Safety Regulations Part 101*.

The Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) outlines the do’s and don’ts of flying drones via their website: <https://www.casa.gov.au/drones/drone-rules/drone-safety-rules> and the “Know your Drone” Factsheet is attached for easy reference.

For Commercial Drone Operations:

If you’re flying for work or for your employer, you must have either:

- an operator accreditation to fly a drone:
 - 2 kg or less
 - more than 2kg but no more than 25 kg and you only fly it over your own land.
- remote pilot licence (RePL) and operate for an individual or business that holds a remotely piloted aircraft operator’s certificate (ReOC) to fly a drone more than 2 kg.

In the case where a person is flying a drone in a prohibited area or in a dangerous manner, they will be cautioned about their actions and if they continue to fly, their details will be taken and CASA will be advised.

Quick Facts

All drone operations are subject to CASA Regulations.

Areas such as the Foreshores, the marina and many of the City’s beaches are ‘**No Fly Zones**’ as they are considered to be populous areas.

Flying drones over events such as the Crab Festival will also be prohibited unless you are a commercial operator conducting commercial work with the appropriate permissions from CASA and the City of Mandurah

If you believe that a person is operating a drone outside of the CASA regulations you must report it in the first instance to CASA on 131 757 or via <https://www.casa.gov.au/about-us/contact-us/drone-complaints>. Complaints about drones for purposes not related to the City, are a civil matter. Visit <https://www.casa.gov.au/drones> for more information.

Join us in advocating safe and respectable use of drones

Please help us in our endeavour to advocate for the enjoyable use of drones while keeping in mind safety and the respect for the privacy of others.

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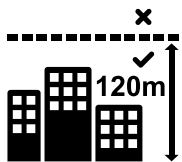


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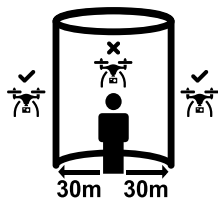
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IMPORTANT DRONE SAFETY INFORMATION



You must not fly your drone higher than 120 metres (400 feet) above ground level.



You must keep your drone at least 30 metres away from other people.



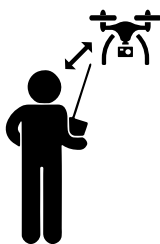
If your drone weighs more than 250 grams, you must fly at least 5.5 kilometres away from a controlled airport, which generally have a control tower at them.



If you're near a helicopter landing site or smaller aerodrome without a control tower, you can fly your drone within 5.5 kilometres. If you become aware of manned aircraft nearby, you will have to manoeuvre away and land your drone as quickly and safely as possible.



You must not fly over or above people or in a populous area. This could include beaches, parks, events, or sport ovals where there is a game in progress.



You must keep your drone within visual line-of-sight. This means always being able to see the drone with your own eyes (rather than through a device, screen or goggles).



You must not fly your drone over or near an area affecting public safety or where emergency operations are underway. This could include situations such as a car crash, police operations, a fire or firefighting efforts or search and rescue.



If you intend to fly your drone for or at work (commercially), there are extra rules you must follow. You will also need to register your drone and get a licence or accreditation.



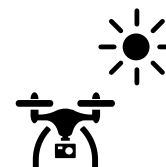
Remember, you must not operate your drone in a way that creates a hazard to another aircraft, person or property.



Respect personal privacy. Don't record or photograph people without their consent —this may breach other laws.



You must only fly one drone at a time.



You must only fly during the day and you must not fly through cloud or fog.