

## Why it is important to follow aviation rules?

Unsafe flying can place people and property in danger from potential loss of control. If they crash, there is a high risk of fire from the batteries.

Drones in close proximity to airports can significantly affect air travel, with flights suspended until the drone is no longer a danger to aircraft.

### Be aware

If you breach Vanuatu Civil Aviation Rules while flying your drone you could face disciplinary action including prosecution, a fine and loss of your drone.

There are some exceptions to the rules outlined here.

Contact [civav@vanuatu.com.vu](mailto:civav@vanuatu.com.vu) if you want to know more.

### More Information?

For all the information you need about flying your aircraft safely and within the Part 101 rules go to: [www.drone.vu](http://www.drone.vu).

For any other information concerning RPAS/Drones and Part 102 Contact

[civav@vanuatu.com.vu](mailto:civav@vanuatu.com.vu)

This site is also useful: [www.flyyourdrone.nz](http://www.flyyourdrone.nz)



## Pre-flight Checklist

Like any pilot, you need to do a pre-flight check (☑).

- Check the tech. Make sure the battery is fully charged and all drone components are secure and undamaged, software is up to date.
- Scan the land. Your flying area must be clear of people, animals and anything else that might cause problems, such as powerlines. Get permission if you plan to fly over people or private property, or stay well away.
- Eyes on the drone. You must always be able to see your drone. Fly it no higher than 120m (400ft) above ground level, and only in daylight, avoiding cloud or fog.
- Check for no-fly zones. There are many areas you can't fly a drone, such as zones that extend around airports. Know where you're allowed to fly, and where you need to ask for clearance first.
- Be ready to land. If you see another aircraft, or an emergency situation unfolding, immediately land your drone.

Date I flew.....

# FLY the Right Way



Safe and Secure Skies to Prosper Vanuatu

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# How to Safely Fly Your Drone

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It is important to remember that they're not toys, they are considered aircraft and can create a hazard to people and property, and also other aircraft.

There are basic rules you must follow to ensure you are flying your aircraft safely:



Fly your aircraft no higher than 120 m (400 feet) above ground level.



Avoid flying over people that you do not have consent from.



Get consent from the owner of the land or property you are flying over.



Fly the aircraft so it isn't a hazard to other aircraft, property and people.



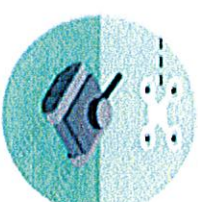
Can see the aircraft with your own eyes (eg, not through binoculars, a monitor, or smartphone) or have a second person with you as an observer.



Fly it only in daylight.



Give way to all manned aircraft.



Get permission from the administering authority (such as the harbour master) to fly in special use airspace (such as Port Vila Harbour area).



Fly an aircraft that is no heavier than 25 kg (if it is more than 15kg, you need to have CAAV inspect it).

**You must be able to provide the following, if asked, whenever you fly:**

- Third Party Insurance (to \$1,000,000 VUV for an aircraft 15kg and under, \$2,000,000 VUV for over 15kg to 25kg)
- Any approvals you have for the flight (eg permission to fly over a property)
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- Photo identification

CAAV recommends wearing fluorescent 'pilot' and 'Observer' vests when flying.