

# Flying an SUA in St Helena



Small Unmanned Aircraft (also sometimes known as Drones, Quadcopters or UAVs) are becoming more popular these days as technology improves and the cost of ownership reduces. They come in various designs, sizes and weights.

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If you are an owner of a Small Unmanned Aircraft (SUA), you are responsible for its safe and legal use. Owning and using an SUA can be enjoyable, but it must be used safely and responsibly, particularly when the airport is operational and especially if your SUA weighs more than 7 kilogrammes.



The use of SUAs on St Helena is governed by the Air Navigation (Overseas Territories) Order 2013. It is your responsibility as an owner to understand what you can and can't do. The information below shows you what you need to do in order to comply with the Air Navigation (Overseas Territories) Order.

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**If you own or use an SUA and would like more information, please contact the Access Office.** Further guidance has been produced by Air Safety Support International (ASSI) who regulate air safety in St Helena. Visit their website for more information: [www.airsafety.aero/Aircraft/Small-Unmanned-Aircraft-\(SUA\).aspx/](http://www.airsafety.aero/Aircraft/Small-Unmanned-Aircraft-(SUA).aspx/)



You are **legally responsible** for the safe conduct of each flight; this includes being responsible for avoiding collisions with people and objects – including aircraft.



Before each flight, check that your unmanned aircraft is not damaged, that all components are working, and that you have sufficient fuel.



If you have a camera fitted, think about the images you obtain as they could breach privacy.



You must keep your unmanned aircraft within your sight at **all** times. Never let it leave your sight.



You must **not** fly your unmanned aircraft over a congested area, or within 50 metres of another person, vehicle or building without appropriate permission. Stay well clear of St Helena Airport.



If you intend to use your unmanned aircraft for any kind of commercial activity (including selling recorded images), you must get approval from ASSI prior to commencing activity.

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**REMEMBER:** if your unmanned aircraft weighs more than 7kg and you intend to fly on a day when the airport is open, you **must** check with the airport before you do so. They can advise you on aircraft activity that may be taking place as well as where and when an unmanned aircraft is not permitted to fly.