



# Share The Skies

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Consider others,  
**be responsible**



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OF NEW ZEALAND**

# Rule #1

Fly no higher than 120m  
(400 ft) above the ground.

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This keeps your drone below the height  
of other aircraft.

# Rule #2

Stay a safe and considerate distance  
away from people and buildings.

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Don't fly directly  
over people, unless  
they say it's OK.



# Rule #3

**Don't fly over private land, such as farms or houses, unless the owner says it's OK.**

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Check with the local council or the Department of Conservation before flying in public areas such as parks, beaches and reserves.

# Rule #4

**Keep your drone in sight at all times.**

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Fly only in daylight and when the visibility is good  
– stay clear of fog and cloud.

# Rule #5

**Stay 4 km away from anywhere aircraft are landing or taking off.**

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This includes helipads at hospitals and those used by sightseeing aircraft. Be aware that controlled airspace around airports extends well beyond the 4 km limit – you must have clearance from air traffic control to operate in that area. Don't fly in special use airspace, such as Low Flying Zones, danger, restricted or Military Operating Areas.

# Rule #6

It's dangerous to fly drones anywhere other aircraft are operating.

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If you see another aircraft, stay well clear of it and land immediately.



# No-fly zones

Know the no-fly zones.

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To see a map of these no-fly zones, or to apply for a clearance to fly your drone within controlled airspace, go to:

[airshare.co.nz](https://airshare.co.nz)

# Preflight checklist

Like any pilot, you need to do a preflight check.



## Check the tech

Make sure the battery is fully charged and all drone components are secure and undamaged.



## Scan the land

Your flying area must be clear of people, animals, or anything 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 120 m (400 ft) 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.

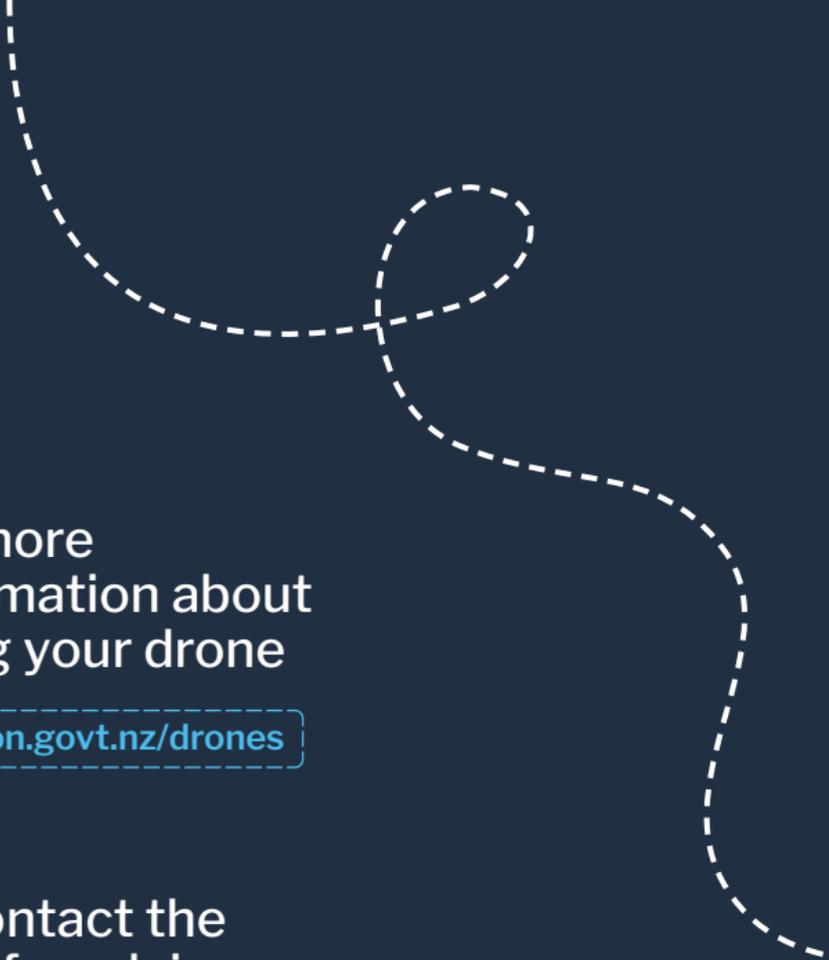
# Training

Get some training to help you better understand how to fly within the group of Civil Aviation Rules known as 'Part 101'.

If you can't fly your drone according to these rules, you must get an Unmanned Aircraft Operator Certificate under 'Part 102'.

Find more information about how to get that certificate, and a list of approved training organisations at:

[aviation.govt.nz/drones](https://aviation.govt.nz/drones)



For more  
information about  
flying your drone

[aviation.govt.nz/drones](https://aviation.govt.nz/drones)

To contact the  
CAA for advice

[drones@caa.govt.nz](mailto:drones@caa.govt.nz)

See the full rules and  
variations affecting drones  
at: [aviation.govt.nz/drones](https://aviation.govt.nz/drones)

You must follow the  
New Zealand Civil Aviation  
Rules when flying your drone.  
Complying with them can  
also help you avoid fines  
or prosecution.

