Share The Skies
Consider others, be responsible
Rule #1

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

This keeps your drone below the height of other aircraft.

Rule #2

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

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

No-fly zones
Know the no-fly zones.

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
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](http://aviation.govt.nz/drones)
For more information about flying your drone

[aviation.govt.nz/drones]

To contact the CAA for advice

[drones@caa.govt.nz]

See the full rules and variations affecting drones at: [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.