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Guidance on using Drones/Unmanned Aerial Devices (UAD)

Drones can be flown on public land. Anyone wishing to fly over land owned or rented by Reading FC should refer to the Stadium Manager (SCL) and the Facilities Manager (Bearwood) or Head of Academy Operations (rented venues).

It is the responsibility of the person flying the drone to be aware of the guidance on drone use.

Registration requirements for drones

Drones are split into five classes. Whether or not you need a Flyer ID, or an Operator ID depends on the weight and class of the drone. You can check if you need to register at the requirements page of the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) website [Registration requirements for drones | UK Civil Aviation Authority \(caa.co.uk\)](https://www.caa.co.uk/Registration/Registration-requirements-for-drones)

There is no requirement to register your drone if it is:

- A toy below 250g or in C0class
- C0 class with no camera, whether it is a toy or not
- Below 250g with no camera and no class mark, whether it is a toy or not

Categories of flying

There are three categories of flying:

- Open Category: basic low risk flying
- Specific Category: operations with greater risk
- Certified Category.

For more information about drones and if you are planning to film using a drone please visit the [Rules and categories of drone flying | Civil Aviation Authority \(caa.co.uk\)](https://www.caa.co.uk/your-drone/your-drone-1/your-drone-1) on the use of drones.

Be aware

- The user is legally responsible for the safe conduct of each flight and failure to follow the rules can lead to a criminal prosecution
- If your drone endangers the safety of an aircraft, it is a criminal offence, and you could go to prison
- You should not fly your drone in poor weather, especially in high winds
- Of laws relating to data protection and CCTV use [Protecting privacy when flying drones | UK Civil Aviation Authority \(caa.co.uk\)](https://www.caa.co.uk/your-drone/your-drone-1/your-drone-1)

Before you fly a drone, you must

- Have the necessary insurance in case of accident, personal injury, or damage to property
- Ensure you have all the necessary permissions in place before you fly a drone
- Be fully aware of areas that may be subject to flight restrictions, such as designated and controlled airspace or military aerodrome traffic zones
- Seek independent advice if you have any doubts as to what is legally required of you

Emergency service drone operators will be exempt from this policy as they will have nationally agreed protocols to adhere to. However, out of courtesy, these operators should contact the relevant Reading FC manager as outlined above if possible.