



# Safety and Regulatory Advice for Drone Operators

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## Introduction

This short guide has been produced to help keep the airspace around Saltford Airfield safe from the inherent dangers of flying drones within or close to the flight paths of aeroplanes leaving and arriving at Saltford Airfield.

Saltford Airfield accepts no responsibility or liability for the accuracy of the information provided within this guide; drone operators are responsible for ensuring they comply with the latest regulations issued by the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA). Drone operators are therefore advised to also read the relevant CAA online advice (see "**Further advice and guidance**" on page 2).

The UK's drone rules are based on the risk of the flight – where you fly, the proximity to other people, and the size and weight of your drone.

Key rules issued by the CAA include:

**Never fly more than 120m (400ft) above the surface.**

**Always keep your drone or model aircraft in sight.**

**Never fly in an airport's flight restriction zone unless you have permission.**

The penalties for not complying with CAA rules and regulations are severe. It is a criminal offence to endanger aircraft and its occupants with penalties of up to 5 years in prison and the possibility of unlimited fines.

**You are strongly advised** not to rely solely on your drone's software to keep your drone out of the restriction zone. The CAA makes it very clear it is the drone operator's responsibility for every flight.

Safety is the best policy!

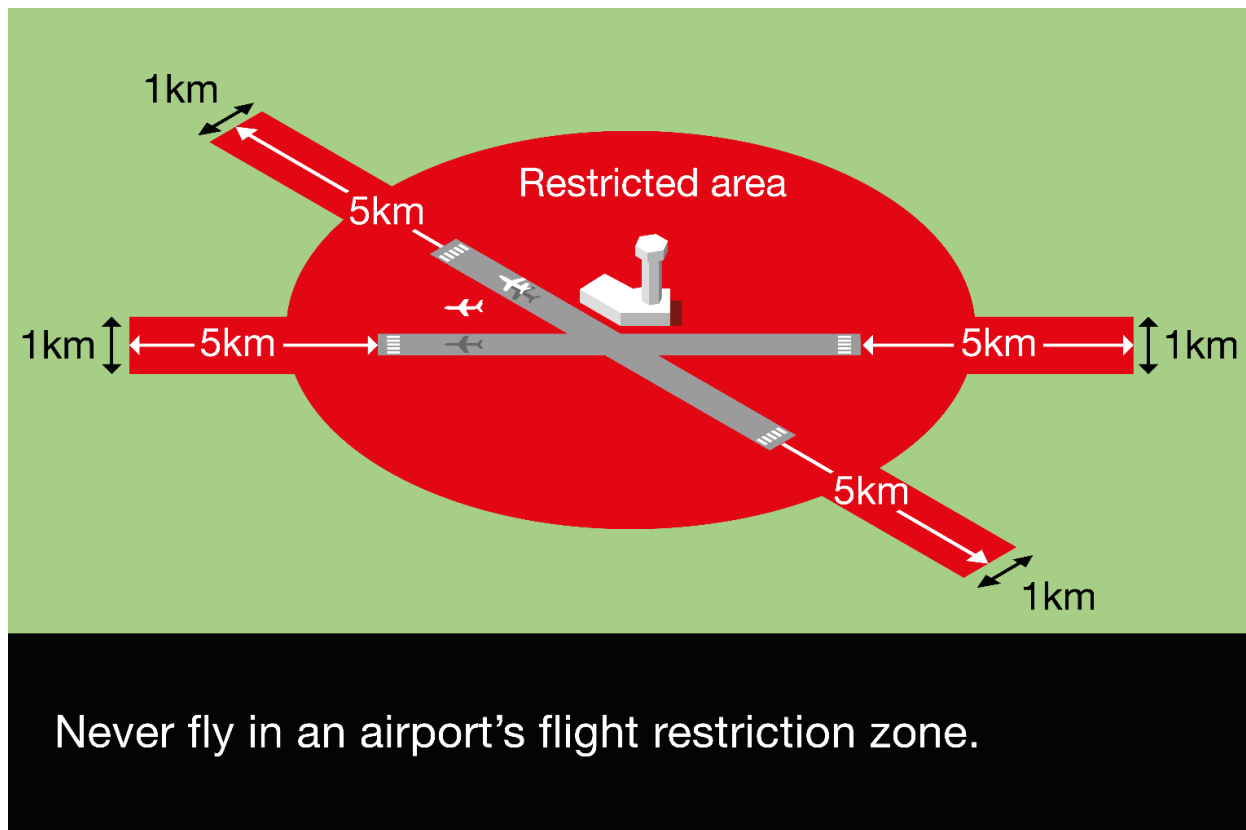
## General Advice

If your drone has a camera (unless it is a toy) or weighs 250g or more then you need to register with the CAA. You need to renew this registration every year. This is a registration of you as the operator rather than the drone itself.

Anyone flying a drone weighing 250g or more needs to pass a test and get a flyer ID from the CAA. This is free and online. Regardless of whether you legally need a flyer ID the CAA strongly recommends that you do the learning and test as it gives you valuable information on flying your drone safely. If you already have a flyer ID that is still valid, you don't need to re-do the test until it expires, although you are required to keep up to date with the new regulations. You can register, get your flyer ID and find more information by email from [register-drones.caa.co.uk](mailto:register-drones.caa.co.uk).

A drone should never fly in an airport or airfield's restriction zone without prior permission. **Prior permission to fly a drone in Saltford Airfield's restriction zone must be sought from Saltford Airfield Tel: Clive Shipley on 07774 997959.** Please note that no reply or simply leaving a message on the voicemail does not constitute approval to fly your drone in the restriction zone.

## Saltford Airfield's Flight Restriction Zone(s)



Saltford Airfield has both a 3 km and two 5 km flight restriction zones. The 5 km zones are due to the proximity of Kelston Roundhill and for Departures from runway 09 (travelling east). Normally there is just one Inbound and one Departure 5km zone for a single runway but the proximity of Kelston Roundhill necessitates 4 zones as shown on the map in the attached appendix that shows the 3 km and 5 km flight restriction zones.

## Further advice and guidance

**Further advice and guidance** on the rules for flying drones can be found on the CAA website at <https://www.caa.co.uk/drones/rules-and-categories-of-drone-flying/introduction-to-drone-flying-and-the-uk-rules/>

PTO for Saltford Airfield Flight Restriction Zone(s) Map >>>

# APPENDIX – Salford Airfield Flight Restriction Zone(s)

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Inbound/Departure 5km

NOTE: The 1km wide Inbound/Departure 5km Zones are for illustrative purposes only and not shown strictly to scale on this map.



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