

QUICK GUIDE

Unmanned Aircraft Regulations

OPEN CATEGORY



From 01/01/2026

A1 'OVER PEOPLE'

UK0 (<250g), CO (<250g)
 UK1 (<900g), C1 (<900g) (Until 31/12/2027)
 Legacy <250g

EXAMPLES

Mini 5 Pro
 Air 3S
 Tiny Whoop

120m

Flying over people is permitted, but should be avoided whenever possible and extreme caution should be used.

Built-up Area

A2 'NEAR PEOPLE'

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UK2 <4kg low speed mode (C2 <4kg until 1/1/2028)
 UK2 <4kg (C2 <4kg until 31/12/2027)
 Legacy <2kg

5m
 30m
 50m

A2 CofC

EXAMPLES

Mavic 4 Pro
 Mavic 3T
 Matrice M30T

120m

Only if unoccupied or occupants are inside and protected

Built-up Area

A3 'FAR FROM PEOPLE'

Legacy >250g w/out A2 CofC | Max 25kg
 UK2 w/out A2 CofC, UK3, UK4
 C2 w/out A2 CofC, C3, C4 (Until 31/12/2027)

EXAMPLES

Inspire 3
 Matrice 400
 >2kg Homebuilt

120m

150m

50m

- ✔ Shaded areas depict where unmanned aircraft may be flown.
- ✔ ANO 2016 article 241 always applies: 'A person must not recklessly or negligently cause or permit an unmanned aircraft to endanger any person or property'.
- ✔ CAA flyer ID required unless <100g unmanned aircraft.
- ✔ CAA registration is required unless <100g without a 'sensor able to capture personal data' (e.g. a recording camera).
- ✔ Unmanned aircraft must stay within visual line of sight.
- ✔ Built-up Area: 'An area substantially used for industrial, recreational, commercial or residential purposes'.
- ✔ Unmanned aircraft must never be more than 120m (400ft) from the closest point of the earth's surface.
- ✔ Must not fly within 30m horizontal distance of 'assemblies of people' (gatherings where persons are unable to move away due to the density of the people present').
- ✔ EC785/2004 requires cover for 'Acts of War' for commercial operations. (FPV UK insurance does not cover 'Acts of War').
- ✔ Respect privacy and landowner restrictions, local by-laws etc.
- ✔ Follow-me mode is permitted up to a maximum distance of 50m from the remote pilot.