



**BE SAFE                      BE LEGAL                      BE RESPONSIBLE**

Recreational users of small remotely piloted aircraft, sometimes called UAV's or drones, are advised by the Curacao Civil Aviation Authority (CCAA) to pay more attention to safety issues. Now readily available from retailers, remotely piloted aircraft, particularly the multi rotor 'quadcopter' types, have grown significantly in popularity in the last few years.

Persons flying these remotely piloted aircraft must understand that they are subject to aviation rules and should not treat the devices as harmless gadgets or toys.

Drones should not be flown over congested areas or within 50 m of people or buildings. The rules are in place to protect members of the public from injury and to protect property from damage. Although only relatively small in size, they also pose a significant collision risk to other aircraft if they are not flown sensibly.

The CCAA stresses that users must take personal responsibility when flying remotely piloted aircraft and abide by the rules. This would avoid the need for prosecutions

**Always remember:**

 <b>You are responsible for each flight</b>	<p>You are legally responsible for the safe conduct of each flight.</p> <p>Take time to understand the rules.</p>	 <b>Keep your distance</b>	<p>Do not fly your drone over a congested area (streets, town/ city).</p> <p>Also stay away from Hato International Airport and Motet Werf. Any flights conducted over those areas must have prior approval of the CCAA.</p>
 <b>BEFORE each flight, check your drone for damage.</b>	<p>Before each flight check that your drone is not damaged, and that all components are working in accordance with the <b>Supplier's User Manual</b>.</p>	 <b>Keep your distance 50 meters</b>	<p>Don't fly your unmanned aircraft within 50 m of a person, vehicle, building or structure or overhead groups of people at any height.</p>
 <b>Drone is in sight at all times</b>	<p>You must keep the drone <b>within your sight</b> at all times.</p> <p>The 'First Person View (FPV)' technology does not relieve you of the responsibility to have the drone with your sight. Use a second person as an observer when using FPV.</p>	 <b>Consider rights of privacy</b>	<p>Think about what you do with any images you obtain as you may breach privacy laws.</p>
 <b>YOU are responsible for avoiding collisions</b>	<p>You are responsible for avoiding collisions with other people or objects – including other aircraft.</p> <p>Do not fly your drone in any way that could endanger people or property.</p>	 <b>Be mindful of the weather.</b>	<p>Do not fly your drone in rainy or stormy weather or conditions of extreme low visibility.</p>
 <b>Maximum flight altitude is 400 feet (120 meters)</b>	<p>No operation is to exceed 400 feet (120m) of altitude displayed by the control system of the RPA if available.</p> <p>Any flight above 400 feet must have prior approval of the CCAA.</p>	 <b>Observe the operational limitations of the drone.</b>	<p>You must make sure you understand and operate the drone in accordance with the procedures and (not exceed any) limitations mentioned in the Supplier's User Manual.</p>
 <b>DO NOT fly in any of the prohibited areas.</b>	<p>The prohibited/restricted areas established on Curacao (see other side) are also in effect for RPA operations, including Curacao International Airport; Any operations within these areas must have prior approval of the CCAA.</p>	 <b>Permission to use drones for paid work.</b>	<p>If you intend to use a drone for any kind of commercial activity you must get a permission from the CCAA.</p>

**Remember, when you fly a drone (remotely piloted aircraft), you have legal responsibilities.**