



# KNOW **FLY** BEFORE YOU

## DRONES



WASHINGTON – The U.S. Department of Transportation’s Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) today announced a streamlined and user-friendly web-based aircraft registration process for owners of small unmanned aircraft systems (UAS), **weighing more than 0.55 pounds (250 grams) and less than 55 pounds (approx. 25 kilograms) including payloads such as on-board cameras.**

If you own a drone, you must register it with the Federal Aviation Administration's Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) registry. A federal law effective December 21, 2015 requires unmanned aircraft registration, and you are subject to civil and criminal penalties if you do not register.

Registration is a statutory requirement that applies to all aircraft. Under this rule, any owner of a small UAS who has previously operated an unmanned aircraft exclusively as a model aircraft prior to December 21, 2015, must register no later than February 19, 2016. Owners of any other UAS purchased for use as a model aircraft after December 21, 2015 must register before the first flight outdoors. Owners may use either the paper-based process or the new streamlined, web-based system. Owners using the new streamlined web-based system must be at least 13 years old to register.

Owners may register beginning December 21, 2015 through the web-based system at: <http://www.faa.gov/uas/registration/>

Registrants will need to provide their name, home address and e-mail address. Upon completion of the registration process, the web application will generate a Certificate of Aircraft Registration/Proof of Ownership that will include a unique identification number for the UAS owner, which must be marked on the aircraft.

Owners using the model aircraft for hobby or recreation will only have to register once and may use the same identification number for all of their model UAS. The registration is valid for three years.

The normal registration fee is \$5, but in an effort to encourage as many people as possible to register quickly, the FAA is waiving this fee for the first 30 days (from Dec. 21, 2015 to Jan 20, 2016).

**Register before January 20, 2016 and your \$5 registration fee will be refunded!**

## UAS REGISTRATION FAQs

<https://www.faa.gov/uas/registration/faqs/>

### What is the penalty for failing to register?

A. Failure to register an aircraft may result in regulatory and criminal sanctions. The FAA may assess civil penalties up to \$27,500. Criminal penalties include fines of up to \$250,000 and/or imprisonment for up to three years.

### How high is 400 feet?

Typical buildings have floors that are 12-14 feet high. A 30-40 story building would be about 400 feet high. If you lose sight of your unmanned aircraft, it is probably above 400 feet.

### If I don't have a scale and my drone doesn't appear on the list is there another method to tell how much it weighs?

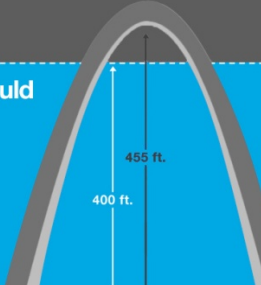
Two sticks of butter weigh 0.5lbs.

### If a drone crashes in my yard what do I do?

Call local law enforcement.

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Unmanned aircraft should stay below 400 feet.



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**DID YOU KNOW?**

Unmanned aircraft must follow temporary flight restrictions around stadiums and racetracks.



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Businesses can request exemptions for the use of unmanned aircraft through the FAA.



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**DID YOU KNOW?**

Operators must keep unmanned aircraft in their sight.



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**DID YOU KNOW?**

The FAA Modernization Reform Act of 2012 required the FAA to create rules for the use of unmanned aircraft in the U.S.



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**DID YOU KNOW?**


Unauthorized unmanned aircraft near fires threaten safety and wildland firefighting efforts.



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**DID YOU KNOW?**

Unmanned aircraft should stay well away from manned aircraft, especially low-flying aircraft and helicopters.



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**DID YOU KNOW?**

Flying over your neighbor's house without permission is considered an invasion of privacy.



## HELPFUL LINKS AND OTHER INFORMATION

Review the [UAS Registration FAQs](#) to learn more about the program.

Read the [Aircraft Registration Records System of Records Notice](#) (PDF).

Read the [Registration and Marking Requirements for Small Unmanned Aircraft Interim Final Rule](#) (PDF).

**Know Before You Fly** was founded by the three leading organizations with a stake in UAS safety – the Association for Unmanned Vehicle Systems International (AUVSI), the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) and the Small UAV Coalition. The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is partnering with the founding members to spread the word about safe and responsible flying.

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