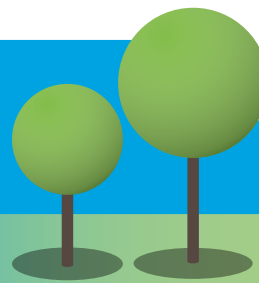


# FLYING IN THE COUNTRYSIDE



If you are flying well away from built up areas and groups of people with a drone under 25kg then from 31 December 2020 you will fly under the new Open category of regulations.

That means that you need to follow the [drone and model aircraft code](#). Some of the key rules are:

- > never fly higher than 120m / 400ft
- > always keep the drone in sight
- > Keep clear of any airspace restrictions, including around aerodromes, unless you have permission to fly within them
- > keep 50m away from people, to avoid endangering them

**i** *And always remember that you are responsible for your actions while flying*

All of the rules also apply if you are flying at night.

## Registration and flyer ID

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.

Anyone flying a drone 250g or more needs to pass a test and get a flyer ID from the CAA. 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.

More info at [Register-drones.caa.co.uk](https://register-drones.caa.co.uk)

## Minimum age to fly

In most cases you must be at least 12 years old to fly a drone on your own\*.

You can fly if you are under 12, but you must be supervised by someone 16 or over and both of you must have passed the flyer ID test.

## Privacy

Wherever you fly your drone, consider the privacy of others. The Information Commissioner publishes advice at <https://ico.org.uk/your-data-matters/drones/>

\*If you are under 12 and flying on your own then the drone must either be: privately built and be less than 250g or a toy and marked as a Class C0 drone



The UK Dronecode is published by the Civil Aviation Authority to assist drone users in flying safely.

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For further information please visit: [caa.co.uk/drones](https://caa.co.uk/drones)  
[dronesafe.uk](https://dronesafe.uk)

You are responsible for each flight. Legal responsibility lies with you. The Police can track illegal drone flights and trace offenders. Failure to fly responsibly could result in criminal prosecution. To report drone misuse please call the Police on 101. Always call 999 in an emergency. **Do make sure you are adequately insured.**