

Drone & Model Aircraft Flying Policy

The operation of flying drones or model aircraft at the port of Peterhead must only be done in compliance with the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA website) requirements and the Drone Code which sets out the regulations in brief.

The most significant requirements confirm that:

- Drones and model aircraft over 250 grammes must not be flown within 150 meters of any residential or industrial area such as the Port of Peterhead.
- Legal / Authorised drone and model aircraft operations must remain below 120 meters.
- Legal / Authorised drone and model aircraft operations must remain 50 meters away from people, buildings, vehicles & vessels unless prior permissions have been given from the relevant person / owner

In addition, Peterhead Port Authority must also be contacted and informed in advance of any activity involving commercial filming carried out by a drone or model aircraft to ensure compliance with the General Data Protection Regulations.

All drone and model aircraft activity carried out on a commercial basis must be licensed by the CAA and authorised by the Harbour Master.

Prior to the intended operation, Peterhead Port Authority must be provided with confirmation of this licence in addition to a risk assessment and method statement.

It is against the law to fly a drone or model aircraft without having the required Legal IDs. You can also be fined for breaking the law when flying. In the most serious cases, you could be sent to prison.

Follow this Code to make sure you always fly safely and legally.