



External Drone Usage Requirements

Safety & Security

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The operation of unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) including drones and model aircraft requires compliance with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), relevant state laws, and Institute established procedures to ensure compliance with those legal obligations and to reduce risks to safety, security and privacy.

- All unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) must be registered with the FAA and have the registration clearly marked on the UAS.
- Any third party or hobbyist wishing to use a UAS or model aircraft over Institution property must first complete the following:
- Receive approval through the Office of Safety and Security and complete the Non-RHIT Owned Drones usage agreement.
- Provide proof of FAA approval
- Provide a contract that holds the Institution harmless from any resulting claims or harm to individuals and damage to Institution property
- Provide Proof of adequate insurance in the amount of \$1,000,000 per occurrence and name Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology as an additional insured

For operating a UAS for purposes of recording or transmitting visual images, operators must take all reasonable measures to avoid violations of areas normally considered private. Use of UAS must comply with any other applicable Institution policies.

UAS Operation Rules

- Fly at or below 200 feet and stay away from surrounding obstacles*
- Keep your UAS within sight
- Never fly near other aircraft, especially near airports
- Properly registered either as a hobbyist, commercial, or civil craft according to FAA guidelines
- Never fly closer than 5 miles from an airport without prior approval from air traffic control
- Never fly over groups of people not directly participating in the operation

- Only Institute approved UAS may fly near emergency response efforts such as fires
- Never fly under the influence of drugs or alcohol
- Understand airspace restrictions and requirements based on your use of UAS (civil, commercial, or hobby)
- Flights are limited to daylight hours and good weather.

*FAA established ceilings and UAS flight restricted areas must be followed. This information can be found on the FAA UAS Data map. Please note that sections of campus are within a no fly zone.

Prohibited Uses

UAS shall not be used to monitor or record areas where there is a reasonable expectation of privacy in accordance with accepted social norms. These areas include but are not limited to restrooms, locker rooms, individual residential rooms, changing or dressing rooms, and health treatment rooms.

UAS shall not be used in indoor areas unless permitted by the Office of Safety, Security, and Environmental Services.

Direct all questions related to drone operations to safety&security@rose-hulman.edu.