

Safe Use of Drones on Site



The popularity and availability of **drones** (remotely controlled, unmanned aerial vehicles) has seen an increase in their presence on and around Galliford Try (GT) sites. Some drone operators are flagrantly disregarding regulations and common sense in pursuit of ever more spectacular video footage.

The guidance below explains what should be in place to ensure all drone operations on site are undertaken legally and as safely as possible.

When employing a company to take project photos or video footage by drone, GT should only consider pilots or companies that can answer positively to the following questions:

1. Does the pilot;
 - a) Have an Unmanned Aircraft Qualification (UAQ)?
 - b) Operate under an Operations Manual approved by the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA)?
 - c) Have a current Permission for Commercial Operations (PFCO) issued by the CAA?

2. Does the pilot or company have drone insurance that specifically covers commercial operations?

3. Will Flight Planning and Risk Assessments be completed on the understanding that the flight will only take place if the pilot believes it can be conducted safely and in accordance with the Air Navigation Order, Operations Manual and the PFCO?

As all GT construction sites are commercial operations, any GT members of staff wishing to fly drones on or in the vicinity of a site must also abide by the above points.

Sub-contractors, other than those employed by GT specifically for the purposes of aerial work, should not operate drones on site unless approved by the most senior person on site who must ensure points 1, 2 and 3 are in place.

No site photographs or videos are to be made public without permission being granted by the most senior person on site e.g. Project Manager.

If a drone, out-with the control or knowledge of GT, comes within 50 metres of any person, structure or vehicle on site, then this should be reported to the Police by calling 101.

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