

# What Can I Do With My Model Aircraft?

Having fun means flying safely! Hobby or recreational flying doesn't require FAA approval but you must follow safety guidelines. Any other use requires FAA authorization.

**AVOID DOING ANYTHING HAZARDOUS TO OTHER AIRPLANES OR PEOPLE AND PROPERTY ON THE GROUND.**

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- ✓ **DO** fly a model aircraft/UAS at the local model aircraft club
  - ✓ **DO** take lessons and learn to fly safely
  - ✓ **DO** contact the airport or control tower when flying within 5 miles of the airport
  - ✓ **DO** fly a model aircraft for personal enjoyment
  - ✗ **DON'T** fly near manned aircraft
  - ✗ **DON'T** fly beyond line of sight of the operator
  - ✗ **DON'T** fly an aircraft weighing more than 55 lbs unless it's certified by an aeromodelling community-based organization
  - ✗ **DON'T** fly contrary to your aeromodelling community-based safety guidelines
  - ✗ **DON'T** fly model aircraft for payment or commercial purposes



## MODEL AIRCRAFT OPERATIONS LIMITS

According to the FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012 as (1) the aircraft is flown strictly for hobby or recreational use; (2) the aircraft is operated in accordance with a community-based set of safety guidelines and within the programming of a nationwide community-based organization; (3) the aircraft is limited to not more than 55 pounds unless otherwise certified through a design, construction, inspection,

flight test, and operational safety program administered by a community-based organization; (4) the aircraft is operated in a manner that does not interfere with and gives way to any manned aircraft; (5) when flown within 5 miles of an airport, the operator of the aircraft provides the airport operator and the airport air traffic control tower...with prior notice of the operation; and (6) the aircraft is flown within visual line of sight of the operator.

For more information about safety training and guidelines, visit [www.modelaircraft.org](http://www.modelaircraft.org)

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