

## HOBBY AND RECREATIONAL UNMANNED AIR SYSTEMS

The following information summarizes the general requirements for Unmanned Air System use flown for hobby and recreational purposes at Yale University. Additional detailed information and requirements can be found in the [Unmanned Aerial System Use Procedure](#). All Unmanned Air System operations (including indoor operations) must have appropriate approvals from Environmental Health and Safety and the Office of Risk Management, regardless of flight locations and purpose. Requests must be submitted to Environmental Health and Safety at [ehs@yale.edu](mailto:ehs@yale.edu) using the [Unmanned Air System Flight Request Form](#). Additional approvals may be required and may include Yale Police, Yale Security, the Office of Public Affairs & Communications and the Office of Facilities.



### Safety Guidelines

- The weight of the aircraft must be less than 10 pounds (including fuel and payload). Any aircraft weight over 10 pounds requires written approval by Environmental Health and Safety.
- Identification of the owner's name, address and the aircraft's registration number must be provided on the aircraft.
- Operate the aircraft only in accordance with best safety practices including the Academy of Model Aeronautics National Model Aircraft Safety Code found at <http://www.modelaircraft.org/>.
- Do not be careless or reckless with your Unmanned Air System. You could be fined for endangering people, property or other aircrafts.
- Do not fly at speeds greater than five miles per hour without written approval.
- Do not fly within a three-mile radius over occupied athletic facilities and stadiums.
- Remain under 200 feet in elevation.
- Remain clear of and do not interfere with manned aircraft operations.
- Obtain approval 24 to 72 hours before every flight from the appropriate Air Traffic Controller (ATC) when within five miles of any airport. For flights over Yale University property in New Haven and Orange (West Campus), the appropriate ATC is at Tweed New Haven Airport (203-466-8833).
- Ensure all flights are supervised by a Yale University employee.
- Report all incidents and near misses to Environmental Health and Safety immediately at 203-785-3550 or [ehs@yale.edu](mailto:ehs@yale.edu).