

New drone laws for Victoria

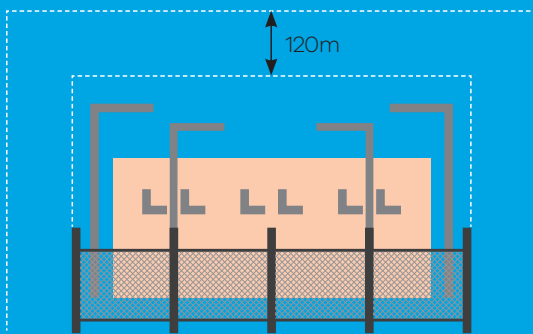
Ban on flying remotely piloted aircraft (RPAS/drones) near correctional and youth justice facilities

New laws aimed at preventing drones smuggling contraband like drugs, weapons and mobile phones into prisons, residential facilities (where serious sex offenders are supervised) and youth justice facilities will commence on 1 February 2018.

It will be an offence to fly a drone at or near a Victorian prison, residential facility or youth justice facility.

There are also existing Commonwealth laws in place around the flying of drones and helicopters.

Victorian laws



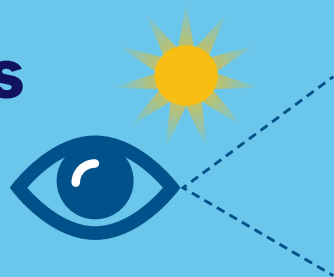
From 1 February 2018, it will be an offence to possess or operate an RPA/drone within **120 metres (400 feet)** above or around the boundary of a Victorian correctional facility or a youth justice facility.



- The laws will not punish accidental or unintentional behaviour, and apply only to conduct that intentionally or recklessly threatens the good order or security of a facility.
- A person recklessly operates a drone if they are aware that their drone is probably within the boundary imposed under the ban.

Commonwealth laws

Civil Aviation Safety Authority
Regulations Part 101
www.casa.gov.au



RPAS must fly during the day and within visual line of sight at all times



RPAS must not fly higher than **120m** in a controlled airspace which includes most Australian cities



RPAS must be kept at least **30m** away from people, and should not be flown over populated areas



RPAS must not fly closer than **30m** to vehicles, boats, buildings or people



RPAS cannot fly within **5.5km** of a controlled airfield

More Information

Visit justice.vic.gov.au/prison-drone-ban for more information about the remotely piloted aircraft and helicopter ban. Or call 03 8684 6600 in relation to correctional facilities or 03 9389 4200 in relation to youth justice facilities.