

## 'No Drone Zone' at Hawaii military installations

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The Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS), commonly referred to as drones, are growing in popularity with both government and private users. To ensure the safety and security of military assets and personnel there are clear restrictions on flying drones over military bases.

All Navy and Marine Corps installations on Oahu are a “No Drone Zone” for all drones without prior approval. These zones also include all communities connected to the Pearl Harbor waterways and Red Hill.

UAS operations within a five-mile radius of Hickam Airfield including Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, base facilities and a 3-mile radius of their outlying landing fields is prohibited without the approval of the installation commander.

It is important to understand the rules when operating or flying a drone. In February 2018, a civilian-operated drone collided with a helicopter on Kauai. The responsible use of drones in compliance with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) guidelines helps ensure the safety of all people and property.

The FAA has created an app, B4UFLY, to help UAS users identify approved operating areas and includes a flight planning function. Any UAS flown over Navy installations without prior permission and coordination with the appropriate authorities is a violation of FAA regulations, the Uniform Code of Military Justice and possibly the Naval Criminal Investigative Service.

Coordination with the FAA and installation commander is needed prior to such activity.

[www.faa.gov/uas/](http://www.faa.gov/uas/)