



Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) **ACI-NA TALKING POINTS**

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ACI-NA POSITION

In January 2016, Airports Council International-North America (ACI-NA) convened an industry task force to evaluate the range of issues associated with the use of unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) at and near airports in the U.S. and Canada. This task force produced industry guidance that considers operational, regulatory and legal issues associated with UAV operations.

ACI-NA's highest priority is ensuring that UAV operations do not adversely affect the safety or security of the airspace systems in the U.S. and Canada at and in the vicinity of airports. To this end, ACI-NA is also very interested in ensuring appropriate laws, regulations and education processes are in place to deter unsafe drone operations in the vicinity of airports.

HIGH LEVEL POINTS

- Maintaining the safety and security of the traveling public is the top priority for airports.
- Recreational uses of UAVs near airport property propose a significant risk to airport operations.
- Airports work with federal agencies including the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and Transport Canada to inform the public on the risks and regulations associated with UAV operations in the vicinity of airports.
- UAVs have a variety of potential uses on airport property to assist in the operations and management of facilities. Some airports have safely used UAVs for airport perimeter security, airfield condition inspections, traffic management and wildlife management.

SUPPORTING POINTS

- More information regarding recreational UAV use and regulations in the U.S. can be found on the FAA's [website](#).

- More information regarding recreational UAV use and regulations in Canada can be found on the Transport Canada's [website](#).

OPPOSING VIEWS

- **The traveling public is not aware of the regulations regarding recreational use of UAVs near airport property.**

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Airports are continually working with federal agencies and industry partners to inform the traveling public on risk and regulations associated with UAV use in the vicinity of airports. The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has a comprehensive “FAQ” section available on their website. Transport Canada has a comprehensive “Do’s and Don’ts” document that addresses specific guidelines for how to fly a UAV and laws that apply to UAV operations.

- [FAA Unmanned Aircraft Systems \(UAS\) Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [Transport Canada’s Do’s and Don’ts for Flying your Drone Safely and Legally](#)

RESOURCES

- [ACI-NA Report on Unmanned Aerial Vehicles](#)
- [FAA Website on Unmanned Aircraft Systems](#)
- [FAA Unmanned Aircraft Systems \(UAS\) Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [Transport Canada Website on Drone Safety](#)
- [Transport Canada’s Do’s and Don’ts for Flying your Drone Safely and Legally](#)

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