

9.23 REGULATION OF DRONES AND UNMANNED AERIAL VEHICLES (UAV)

(a) Definitions. "Drone" or "UAV" mean a powered, aerial vehicle that carries or is equipped with a device that in analog, digital, or other form, gathers, records, or transmits a sound or image, that does not carry a human operator, uses aerodynamic forces to provide vehicle lift, and can fly autonomously or be piloted remotely. A drone may be expendable or recoverable.

(b) Prohibited operations.

1. As provided in Wis. Stat. 942.10, which is hereby adopted by reference, No person shall use a drone, as defined in Wis. Stat. 175.55 (1)(a), with the intent to photograph, record, or otherwise observe another individual in a place or location where the individual has a reasonable expectation of privacy. This section does not apply to a law enforcement officer authorized to use a drone pursuant to Wis. Stat. 175.55 (2).
2. No person shall launch or land a UAV from any private property without the consent of the property owner.
3. No person shall launch, land or operate a UAV within 500 feet of any festival, event, picnic, protest or public assembly of more than 100 persons.
4. No person shall allow the launch or operation of an autonomous UAV.
5. No person shall launch, land or operate a UAV in a manner so as to endanger the safety of any person or property. The operation of a UAV while under the influence of intoxicants or any other drug constitutes reckless operation.
6. No person shall operate a UAV in such a way as to harass, intimidate or otherwise cause a disturbance.
7. No person shall launch, land or operate any UAV within 500 feet of any emergency vehicle which is operating its emergency lights or siren.

8. No person shall launch, land or operate a UAV within 500 feet of any active law enforcement, firefighting or emergency response incident.
9. No person shall launch, land or operate any UAV within 500 feet of a school while school is in session or during school-sponsored events without prior authorization of the principal of the school or district administration.