

## **Drone Guidelines**

Floors Castle is aware that interest to use drones to film and photograph historic locations is increasing and we work with partners and professional, fully licensed drone operators to create such footage for specific projects.

While drones offer fantastic opportunities, the need to care for and conserve the historic house and gardens, as well as maintaining the safety of our visitors is of utmost importance. Floors Castle is also a private residence, and we have an obligation to respect this. We do not grant permission for private flying of UAVs (Unmanned Aerial Vehicles) or drones without prior approval for the following reasons:

In line with CAA regulations, drones are not permitted to be flown within 50 metres of any vessel, vehicle or structure which is not under the control of the person in charge of the aircraft and should not be flown within 50 metres of any person except during take-off or landing. Due to staff members and tenants living on site and paying visitors having access to the gardens and grounds, unauthorised drone flying is both illegal and puts people at risk.

The Floors Castle Estate is home to a variety of wildlife and we often have livestock on site, which could be alarmed or stressed by the presence of drones.

If you are interested in flying a drone at Floors Castle, you will be asked to provide the following:

- Current and valid CAA permission
- Evidence of valid insurance cover
- Risk assessment and where possible a proposed flight plan

Whenever possible, and to ensure the safety and security of the site, any drone flying should take place when the site is closed to the public, with prior approval and under supervision by staff. Please be aware that your request may be classed under commercial venue hire and carry a location fee.

Please get in touch with us if you are interested in flying a drone at Floors Castle.