

# Doing this?



**Then read this...**



Aerial Photography?  
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**Be aware...**

## Taking aerial photographs? - then follow this check-list

- Why are you taking pictures? Is there valuable consideration being given for the flight? ● Is this flight Private? Public Transport? or Aerial Work? ● See the Air Navigation Order 200, Article 130
- Where are you going to fly? ● Will you be close to a person, vessel, vehicle or structure? Will you be over an assembly of persons? ● See Rule 5 (1) (e) of the Rules of the Air and Rule 5 (1) (d)
- How high will you fly? ● Will you be over the congested area of a city, town, or settlement? ● See Rule 5 (1) (b) and (c) for helicopters Rule 5 (1) (a) for others. The pilot must decide whether the area is congested.
- Will you be in controlled airspace? ● Do you need clearance from an Air Traffic Control Unit? ● Study the chart.
- Will you be close to an aerodrome? ● Know the frequency for the aerodrome. ● Contact them. Consider telephoning beforehand.
- How long will you be in the area? ● Minimise noise nuisance to those on the ground. ● Consider two or three short visits rather than one long one.
- How many people in the aircraft? ● Minimum recommended crew is two: pilot and photographer. ● Consider another person to help lookout. Practise safe techniques before the actual photography.
- Will low flying military aircraft be a possible hazard? ● Can you avoid their known operating heights? Can you get protection from CANP? If so call 0800 515544. ● See Safety Sense leaflet 18A, AIC 107/99 (Yellow 345) and UK AIP ENR 1-10-13
- How much equipment are you carrying? ● What is the effect on weight and balance? Will it obstruct the controls or emergency egress? ● See Safety Sense leaflet 9A. Make sure the photographer is briefed.
- Will you photograph other aircraft? ● Will this be formation flying? ● See Rule 17 (1) (c).

## What equipment?



- This is probably manageable...



...but is this?



Think about it before you fly.

## Remember

- Comply with the law
- Share the flying, photography and lookout
- Practise the flying techniques
- Stow and use the kit safely
- Use good airmanship

## Plus

Military low flying occurs in most parts of the UK at any height up to 2,000ft above the surface. However, the greatest concentration occurs up to 1,000ft and pilots should avoid that height band whenever possible. Detailed information can be found on Chart of UK AIAA, ATA and military low flying system

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