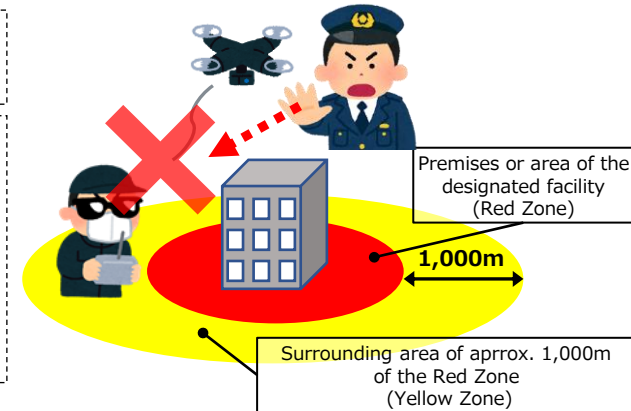


# Outline of the Drone Act

In principle, **the flight of small unmanned aircraft system, etc.**\*1 is prohibited over the airspace above premises or areas (Red Zone) of important facilities and the surrounding area of approximately 1,000 meters of the Red Zone (Yellow Zone)\*2.

- \*1 (i) Flying a **small unmanned aircraft system**  
{ unmanned airplane (radio control airplane, etc.) ,  
unmanned rotorcraft (drones, etc.), etc. }
- (ii) Flying using **specific aerial equipment**  
{ balloons, hang gliders, paragliders, etc. }

- \*2 (i) Flights over the Red / Yellow Zone by the facility administrator or a person who has obtained consent from the administrator;  
(ii) Flights over the relevant land by the landowner or a person who has obtained consent from the landowner, etc.;  
(iii) Flights over the Red / Yellow Zone for the purpose of performing the duties of the national or local governments
- are exempt from the prohibition
- (Flights over the Red Zone of designated defense facilities and airports are exempt from the prohibition only in the case of (i).)  
→ **Notification** to the Prefectural Public Safety Commission (police) and other necessary entities is required prior to the flight.



## Facilities Subject to Prohibition

### (i) National Important Facilities, etc.

Maintaining Central Functions  
etc. of the Government

- National Diet Building, etc. [Designated by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the House of Councilors]
- Prime Minister's Office, etc. [Designated by the Prime Minister]
- Administrative Organs Responsible for Crisis Management [Designated by the Heads of the Administrative Organs]
- Supreme Court Building [Designated by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court]
- Imperial Palace and The Crown Prince's Residence [Designated by the Prime Minister]
- Places where designated protected dignitaries are present [Designated by the Commissioner General of National Police Agency]
- Political parties' offices [Designated by the Minister for Internal Affairs and Communications]

### (ii) Diplomatic Establishments, etc.

Maintaining Favorable  
International Relations

- Embassies ,etc. [Designated by the Minister for Foreign Affairs]
- Places where foreign dignitaries are present [Designated by the Minister for Foreign Affairs]
- Conference venues and facilities for the preparation and operation of international conferences[Designated by the Minister for Foreign Affairs]

### (iii) Defense Facilities

Maintaining the Foundation of Peoples' Living  
Conditions and Economic Activities

- Facilities of the Japan Self-Defense Forces [Designated by the Minister of Defense]
- Facilities of U.S. Forces in Japan [Designated by the Minister of Defense]

### (iv) Airports

Maintaining the Foundation for the National Defense

[Designated by the Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism]

### (v) Nuclear Facility Sites

Ensuring Public Safety

[Designated by the National Public Safety Commission]

## Orders and Measures by Police Officers\*3

- Police officers and others may order a violator to take necessary measures such as removing the equipment from the prohibited area (**order to take measures**).
- To the extent unavoidable, police officers and others may take **necessary measures**, such as **obstructing the flight** or **destroying the equipment** (including ordering the facility administrator and other relevant persons to take such measures).

\*3 Coast guard officers (sea area), Imperial Guards (Imperial Palace, etc.), Self-Defense Forces personnel assigned to facility security (Defense Facilities) and Airport Managers, etc. (Airports) can also issue orders and take measures.

## Penal Provisions

- Violation of the prohibition on flight over the Red Zone or the order to take measures shall be punished by **imprisonment for not more than one year or a fine not more than 500,000 yen**.
- Violation of the prohibition on flight over the Yellow Zone shall be punished by **imprisonment for not more than six months or a fine not more than 500,000 yen**.