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## Drone FAQ Sheet

Given the heightened attention around unidentified aerial phenomena as well as concerns around drones, the Oregon Department Aviation is providing guidance to the public as well as information that can be shared by state and local agencies.

1. Do not shoot guns or lasers at objects in the sky. You may end up hurting someone either in the air or on the ground. Either way, you are breaking both state and federal laws.
2. Most of the aerial phenomena can be explained. Many photos and videos you see on social media are of planes, helicopters, stars, and satellites.
3. Seeing a drone does not mean it is doing something wrong. Drones are used by utilities for inspection, by public safety to respond to emergencies, law enforcement for accident reconstruction, and for many legal commercial and recreational activities.
4. Drones can fly at night. The FAA has rules that allow flights at night.
5. Don't threaten people who may be flying drones. They are most often flying legally and safely. If you have a concern, contact your local authorities.
6. If you are concerned, use apps that are available like FlightRadar24 for planes and helicopters or an app that captures "remote ID" or the digital license plate for drones. Be aware that not all aircraft or drones may be picked up. Not all planes and helicopters are required to broadcast their information in all locations. The technology for remote ID may not be compatible with your phone as well.
7. If you see drones, planes, or helicopters with lights, they are on so they can be seen. It means that they are not trying to hide.
8. Two federally designated drone testing areas are located Pendleton and Tillamook. Testing here includes balloons that can operate up to 100,000 feet day and night.
9. If you are interested in finding out more about drones or want to fly drones, visit <https://www.faa.gov/uas>

If you spot a drone or lights that you are concerned about, send an email with information stating where you saw the drone, what you thought was illegal about its flight, along with supporting media to [drones@odav.oregon.gov](mailto:drones@odav.oregon.gov). We will not respond but will capture the information for tracking purposes.

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