

**DRONE ACTIVITY**

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Following two consecutive nights of disruption due to drone sightings over the Download Festival site between the hours of 23:30L and 03:00L we wanted to advise of actions taken and ensure everyone knows how to report sightings.

**You can play your part:**

The safe operation of the EMA Aerodrome is our number one responsibility, and we all have role to play in keeping ourselves, partners and customers safe. **If you see anything suspicious or have concerns, please report it to by ringing the Airport Emergency number as quickly as possible on 01332 818555 (ext. 3333).**

Here are some top tips for what to do if you think you see a drone:

1. Keep watching the drone for as long as possible.
2. Stay at your location until an airport representative gets there.
3. If you can take a photograph or video of the drone this would be really helpful. However, it should only be shared with either the airport authority or the police.

You may be asked lots of questions to help us to respond to the drone. These might include:

- Where did you see the drone?
- How high was it?
- What direction did it come from/go to?
- How long did it stay for?
- What did it look like? (colour, size, shape)
- Did it look like it was carrying anything or had a camera attached?

**Actions Taken:**

Increasing numbers of festival-goers are arriving on site today, and main stage performances commencing later increases the risk of drone use. Therefore, further actions agreed to help mitigate disruption include:

- heightened Police and Security presence at Download including enhanced patrols of the site and surrounding areas
- additional Airfield Operations and Security resource to help identify and corroborate sightings
- a permanent presence of competent observers deployed across the Download site
- proactive onsite communications to festival attendees reminding them of the consequences of being caught using a drone.

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