Drones may not be as prevalent at job sites as hammers and hardhats, but they undoubtedly will be before too long. Owners and contractors are increasingly using these unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) to keep tabs on construction progress, inspect work, and even gather data for ongoing 3-D modeling. When regulations that allow widespread use of drones for commercial purposes are approved, the number of drones hovering over construction sites will increase exponentially. This session will outline current regulations for UAS, potential risks, and best practices for avoiding incidents and claims. Insurance options for transferring these risks will also be reviewed.

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Minimizing Drone Risks on a Construction Site

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Learning Objectives

- Have a clearer understanding of the risk factors involved in UAS use.
- Be able to develop a basic UAS safety procedure.
- Understand how to prepare for UAS use on a construction site.
- Effectively reduce your risk through different insurance mechanisms
Drones are Here to Stay

Drones sold 4.2 million World Wide

Cost as low as $465

Camera Costs can be high: $50,000+

Drone Use in Construction

- Stock Piles
- Job Progress
- Accident Investigation
- Power Lines
Drone Use for Commercial Purposes

- Register the drone
- Remote aircraft pilot certificate
- Follow the FAA regulations

Final Rule Highlights

- Day time Only
- VLOS
- Restricted Areas
- 400 feet or below

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Final Rule Highlights

- Good weather
- Must NOT fly over people*
- No privacy restrictions

Remote Pilot in Command

- Responsible
- Assess the Operating Area
- Establish Crew support
Final Rule Highlights

- Operated Safely
- Preflight Inspection
- Preflight Briefing

Preflight Assessment

**Frequency**
(Exposure)

**Likelihood**
(Chance)

**Severity**
(Harm)

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Safety Devices On Drones

TEST FLIGHT TO VERIFY
- Sonar
- GPS
- Loss of Control Input
- Stability

Will you Allow the use of Drones?

CORPORATE DECISION

Dear [Xxx],

We are writing to clarify [xxx] position on the use of the drone at the new [xxx] project.

[Xxx] policy is that [xxx] cannot contract nor pay for any part of the drone usage and [xxx] staff cannot direct or otherwise authorize where the drone may fly. The [OCIP] covering this project, does not insure a drone risk – we advise the [xxx] to make sure the drone company has the appropriate insurance for the liability arising out of the drone use. [Xxx] will need to be listed as additional insured on the drone operator’s Certificate of Insurance. Lastly, the [xxx] should verify the drone company is licensed by the FAA.

We ask that prior to re-engaging the drone contractor that the [xxx] complete and return the attached Waiver, Release and Hold Harmless Agreement, along with the Drone Company’s insurance naming [xxx] as additionally insured.

Please call at your earliest convenience should you have questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

[signature]
UAS Safety Triangle

Responsibilities, Client, Contractor
Privacy Considerations
General Public Protection
Worker Protection
UAS Safety Procedure

Flight Path Planning

Visual Observers

Inspection, maintenance

Prohibitions

Unmanned Aircraft Systems/Drones Policy

I. Policy Statement

In our ongoing efforts as the leader in construction safety, xxxx has adopted the following policy to ensure that Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS)Drones are operated in a manner that meets or exceeds all known federal, state & local municipality, FAA standards & regulations. The most restrictive guidelines take precedence over our limits. The Remote Pilot in Command (RPC) must strictly adhere to all manufacturer operational requirements. Modifications can only be made according to the manufacturer instructions and approvals. The contractor/vendor, by federal regulation, cannot operate a drone for hire without registering the drone with the FAA and employing a certified RPC. The contractor/vendor must provide xxx with this documentation.

It is our policy that all drones utilized in xxxx must be from a third party, registered with the FAA to operate in a commercial setting and insured per xxxx limits. xxxx CONSTRUCTION EMPLOYEES WILL NOT OPERATE DRONES. Also, ONLY ONE DRONE CAN BE FLOWN ON A PROJECT AT ANY GIVEN TIME.

A coordination meeting must be held to discuss plans for use of a drone. Discussions must include other drones that might be in the same area being operated by other entities, FAA rules governing use of the drone under this particular scenario, city or state requirements, privacy issues, insurance requirements, flight plans, safety issues and mitigation plans, operating times, date the drone will be in use, protection of the public and workers, neighborhood concerns, type of drone being used, and overall compliance with this policy’s rules and regulations. Meeting minutes and a flight plan will be published A call will be held with Risk Management to review the plan prior to moving forward. All data obtained during the drone flight should be downloaded securely and not erased or duplicated without written approval.

SAMPLE PROCEDURE
## Preflight Assessment Sample

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<th>Task</th>
<th>Hazard</th>
<th>Existing Controls</th>
<th>New Controls</th>
<th>New Frequency</th>
<th>New Likelihood</th>
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<td>Drone flight near Structure</td>
<td>Drone my strike the structure</td>
<td>Preflight Inspection Risk Assessment Pilot Certificate</td>
<td>Cover and protect sensitive equipment and vulnerable process vessels</td>
<td>Highly Frequent</td>
<td>Low Likelihood</td>
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<td>Drone flight near workers</td>
<td>Struck by Falling Drone</td>
<td>Site Plan with flight Path delineated</td>
<td>Barricade flight path Hold a special tool box meeting with workers</td>
<td>Highly Frequent</td>
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### Drone Risk Assessment

#### Pilot Condition
- Weight and Balance
- Center of Gravity
Drone Risk Assessment

Work zone boundaries

Training for Personnel

Unique client site issues

IV. Employee Safety
Superintendent/Safety Manager:
1. Hazards at the site are mitigated:
   a. Wires/cables/utility lines/cranes identified and flagged or identified on flight plan
   b. Worker areas identified and flight plan adjusted to stay away from workers or workers reassigned to another area
   c. If you have information that would be helpful to the drone operator please share that information. They will be coming into your project and it is up to you to control safety in the area.
   d. Corporate safety program for drones shared with the pilot/company who operates the drone.
   e. Visitor agreements signed by operator and orientation held.
   f. Safety program referred to the pilot, all PPE to be worn discussed, work rules discussed and signed off on.
   g. Property in the vicinity that might be impacted is identified and communicated to the drone operator.
   h. Buffer zones established between aircraft and personnel.
   i. Investigate potential alternative landing sites away from workers in case take-off/landing site is obstructed or compromised.

SAMPLE PROCEDURE
Drone Contingency Plan

Communication

Low Battery

Emergency Landing

What can go wrong with a Drone?

• Child loses an eye in Worcestershire, UK
• 5 Spectators Injured in Virginia
• Drone crashes on the Empire State Building
• Drone lands on the White House Lawn
Drones Operational exposures

✓ Third-party BI and PD
✓ Violation of another’s rights
✓ Cyber
✓ Contractual Liability
✓ First party
✓ Product Liability

Insuring Unmanned Aircraft Exposures

• No mandatory liability coverage is currently required by law
• Comprehensive general liability (CGL) policy
• Aviation/ drone policy
  • Liability coverage
  • Hull coverage & video/photographic equipment
Does the unendorsed ISO CGL policy provide drone coverage?

### Unendorsed CGL ISO coverage in summary

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<td><strong>Direct Liability</strong>: Ownership, maintenance or use of any UA, including entrustment of such aircraft to others</td>
<td>✗</td>
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<td><strong>Vicarious Liability</strong>: Another party’s use of an UA (not owned, rented or borrowed by the insured) on behalf of the insured</td>
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<td><strong>Contractual Liability</strong>: Liability assumed by the insured in an “insured contract” for losses arising out of the ownership, maintenance or use of an UA.</td>
<td>✓</td>
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*Subject to the other terms and provisions of the policy.*
Issues to be aware of

- ISO CGL policy is inadequate to provide UA coverage
- Broader or narrower coverage can be achieved by adding UA liability endorsement(s).
- Many carriers refer coverage back to FAA rules

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| Exclusion—| C2 21 09 | Removes all coverage for liability arising out of the ownership, maintenance, use, or operation of any uninsured aircraft (UA) as well as negligence or other wrongdoing in the hiring, employment, supervision, or training of others.
| Exclusion—| C2 21 10 | Removes all coverage for “bodily injury” and “property damage” arising out of the ownership, maintenance, use, or operation of any uninsured aircraft (UA) as well as negligence or other wrongdoing in the hiring, employment, supervision, or training of others.
| Exclusion—| C2 21 11 | Removes all coverage for “bodily injury” and “property damage” arising out of the ownership, maintenance, use, or operation of any uninsured aircraft (UA) as well as negligence or other wrongdoing in the hiring, employment, supervision, or training of others.
| Limited Coverage for | C2 24 50 | Allows coverage for “bodily injury” and “property damage” in connection with designated drones, as well as for “personal and advertising injury” in connection with designated drones, and also allows for an optional UA aggregate limit subject to other applicable policy limits. |
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Aviation/Drone policy

- Types of policies
  - Owned drones
  - Non-owned coverage

- Coverage available
  - Drone & Operator liability
  - P & A
  - Hull

- Exposure not covered
  - Fines
  - PD to your own property and property in care, custody & control

- Relatively inexpensive
- 5-10 admitted US insurers
Hull coverage

First-party property exposure

Not provided by standard first party policies

10% deductible and 10% premium

Self-insure?

Hiring the Right Drone Vendor/Contractor

Insurance

Flight Operations Manual

Risk Analysis Form
Hiring the Right Drone Operator

Pilots Qualifications

Hours of Flight

Training

Sample Preflight Inspection

Maintenance Requirements

Sample Preflight Briefing
Resources

Federal regulations on drones:
https://www.faa.gov/uas/

Federal Guidance on Privacy:

E-learning Site for Drones:
https://www.faasafety.gov
http://unmannedsafetyinstitute.org/