Enjoy Flying Drones Safely by Following These Tips

Today, there are hundreds of thousands of unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs), or drones, sharing the airspace above our communities. While drones can be safe when used correctly, flying drones close to wires, substations or other electrical equipment may cause serious damage and pose significant safety risks to you and those nearby. If your drone does veer off course and crash near or into FirstEnergy equipment, never try to retrieve it yourself.

Call 888-LIGHTSS (888-544-4877), and we'll help you retrieve it safely.

Always keep yourself and others safe when flying your drone by remembering these tips:

- Non-commercial pilots should complete the FAA's Recreational UAS Safety Test (TRUST).
- Commercial Drone Pilots are required to be certified.
- Follow manufacturer guidance on equipment limitations.
- Do not fly in dark, windy, or wet weather conditions.
- Register your drone with the Federal Aviation Administration.
- Fly your drone at or below 400 feet.
- Keep your drone where you can see it.
- Stay at least 200 feet away from power lines or other electrical equipment.
- Never try to get your drone if it crashes near a power line or substation.

For more tips on staying safe around electricity and near power lines and equipment, visit FirstEnergy's "*Stop. Look. Live.*" safety website at firstenergycorp.com/publicsafety



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