

**San Diego Convention Center Corporation  
Event Services Department  
Rule & Regulation for Clients**

**DRONES & UNMANNED AERIAL VEHICLES (UAV)**

**General Policy:**

The San Diego Convention Center Corporation ("SDCCC") is highly committed to providing a secure and safe convention center environment. The overall public safety of our attendees, guests, exhibitors, vendors, sub-contractors and staff is our main priority.

SDCCC will allow Drones/UAV at a client event under the following guidelines and as permitted by federal, state, and local regulations. The policy, rules and procedures have been developed in joint partnership with the Fire Marshal and local FAA direction.

**General Rules & Procedures:**

- Drones/UAV are allowed to be in flight, tethered or untethered inside SDCCC public lobbies, corridors, halls, meeting rooms, ballroom areas with the direct and written permission from SDCCC and as long as such drones/UAV are operated safely and are always within the control of an experienced operator.
- Drone/UAV photographers are limited to unoccupied exhibit space and ballrooms. Restricted from any public space.
- Drones/UAV are not allowed outside on Center property in flight, tethered or untethered in the Plaza Park, Terraces, Grand Stairs, Public access ways, or other outside areas that are controlled by SDCCC without the direct and written permission from SDCCC. Permission by SDCCC given to client to operate any Drone/UAV outside the Convention Center does mean that such operation is legal under applicable law.
- Show Management accepts all liability for Drone/UAV for public safety, compliance with applicable laws, and any damage to SDCCC property if damage is sustained by use of a Drone/UAV.
- Drones/UAV cannot be operated in a manner that interferes with law enforcement, firefighting, or any other emergency rescue operations. Drones cannot be operated in a careless or reckless manner that endangers the life or property of another. SDCCC reserves the right to stop any Drone/UAV activity in its sole discretion.

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## **Trade Show/Exhibitor Usage of Drone/UAV's**

- During Trade Show Hours, client may opt to build a Drone/UAV Demo Cage on the show floor. The Cage will not exceed higher than 20'. It must have netting or another fabric the Fire Marshal will approve on all sides and the roof.
- A diagram of the cage must be submitted for approval to the Event Manager and must be designated on the final diagram submitted for fire marshal approval.
- Drone/UAV may be demoed in the cage tethered or untethered at show management's direction.
- Exhibitors are strictly prohibited from any aerial demo of a Drone/UAV in their booth.

## **Show Management appointed Photographer:**

- Show Management appointed photographer may use Drones/UAV only during non-event hours inside the Convention Center. Please see your Event Manager for specific policies and regulations.
- Show Management accepts full liability and responsibility for any and all damages to persons and property pursuant to our signed licensee's agreement.

## **Outside Perimeter of the San Diego Convention Center property:**

- SDCCC reserves the right to give permission under certain circumstances, please contact your Event Manager for more information.
- If permission is granted it is the responsibility of the Drone/UAV operator to know all current federal, state and local regulations in regards to Drone/UAV activity in and around the San Diego Convention Center including but not limited to outside spaces within flight distance: Harbor Dr, Convention Way, Gaslamp District, MTS Trolley Stations at 1<sup>st</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. Hilton Bayfront, FAL Lots, FAL Grass, Fifth Ave Landing areas, and Maritime Terminals.
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*\*\*For additional information or to request the use of a Drone/UAV please contact your Event Manager.*

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