

Questions to Ask Before Using Commercial Drones on Construction Sites

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Commercial drones are changing the way we look at construction sites. On balance, the rewards outweigh the risks created by drones when photographing projects, scanning for quality or safety, and documenting progress or conditions.

While drones are reasonably priced and relatively easy to operate, they can expose construction companies to different types of risks. Due to federal regulations and privacy concerns, it's essential that constructors use commercial drones appropriately. Preparation is key, and contractors and subcontractors should consider some essential questions before launching a drone, unmanned ariel vehicle (UAV) or small unmanned ariel vehicle (sUAV) on a project site.

When considering drone usage or ensuring their use at construction sites, there are several key questions that should be addressed by businesses and insurance carriers.

HAS THE FAA CERTIFIED THE PILOT AND THE FLIGHT PLAN?

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) certifies commercial use if the drone weighs less than 55 pounds. In addition, businesses must follow the FAA's guidelines, however, to meet the FAA's requirements, proper regulatory compliance is essential for construction projects.

First, it's important to understand that this is not a simple process. This is a complex and time-consuming process.





