

Balloons, fireworks and lanterns

If you intend to release large quantities of balloons, any number of sky lanterns, racing pigeons, operate a laser, let off fireworks, send up a tethered balloon or operate a crane you could be potentially endangering aircraft in the vicinity - The Air Navigation Order (ANO) makes it an offence to act "recklessly or negligently in a manner likely to endanger aircraft." Therefore, sometimes, it will be necessary for you to advise the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA), or Gloucestershire Airport, of your intention to do so, as far in advance as practicable, depending on the nature and size of your event.

The CAA affords comprehensive guidance on balloon releases, use of sky lanterns, operation of lasers and firework displays in Civil Aviation Publication (CAP) 736. If you need to notify them of such events, which may include a radius of 11.5 miles (18.5km) of the aerodrome, please complete [this](#) form and send it to Airspace Utilisation, Directorate of Airspace Policy, K6 G2, CAA House, Kingsway, London, WC2B 6TE, or send it electronically using the 'Submit Form' button in the footer. This department can also be contacted via telephone: 0207 453 6599, fax: 0207 453 6593, or by email: ausops@caa.co.uk. Alternatively, send a copy of your form to 'Safeguarding', Gloucestershire Airport Ltd, Staverton, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire. GL51 6SR, or email it to safeguarding@gloucestershireairport.co.uk.

Captive Unmanned Gas Balloons (tethered balloons) should be reported in much the same way to Airspace Utilisation, when flown at 60 metres (197ft) or more and within a 2.3 mile (3.7km) radius of the aerodrome. However, [this](#) form should be used to advise them, either by post, or by sending it electronically using the 'Submit Form' button in the footer. Alternatively, send a copy of your form to 'Safeguarding', Gloucestershire Airport Ltd, Staverton, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire. GL51 6SR, or email it to safeguarding@gloucestershireairport.co.uk.