



## Ohio Revised Code

### Section 4561.15 Unsafe operation of aircraft or UAV.

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(A) No person shall commit any of the following acts:

- (1) Carry passengers in an aircraft unless the person piloting the aircraft is a holder of a valid airperson's certificate of competency issued by the United States that authorizes the holder to carry passengers and the person is carrying any passenger in accordance with the applicable certificate requirements; this division of this section is inapplicable to the operation of military aircraft of the United States, aircraft of a state, territory, or possession of the United States, or aircraft licensed by a foreign country with which the United States has a reciprocal agreement covering the operation of such aircraft;
- (2) Operate an aircraft on the land or water or in the air space over this state in a careless or reckless manner that endangers any person or property, or with willful or wanton disregard for the rights or safety of others;
- (3) Operate an aircraft on the land or water or in the air space over this state while under the influence of intoxicating liquor, controlled substances, or other habit-forming drugs;
- (4) Tamper with, alter, destroy, remove, carry away, or cause to be carried away any object used for the marking of airports, landing fields, or other aeronautical facilities in this state, or in any way change the position or location of such markings, except by the direction of the proper authorities charged with the maintenance and operation of such facilities, or illegally possess any object used for such markings;
- (5) Operate an unmanned aerial vehicle, as defined in section 4561.50 of the Revised Code, on the land or water or in the air space over this state in a manner that knowingly endangers any person or property or purposely disregards the rights or safety of others.

(B) Jurisdiction over any proceedings charging a violation of this section is limited to courts of



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record.

(C) Whoever violates this section shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars, imprisoned not more than six months, or both.