

Canada launches online hotline to report bad drone drivers

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Expecting a spike in drone sales for Christmas, Canada's transportation ministry on Wednesday launched an online hotline to report bad drone pilots.

The new "incident-reporting tool," according to Transport Canada, aims to keep Canadians "safe from reckless drone use."

The ministry urges Canadians to go to its website (tc.gc.ca) and fill out a report if they believe someone is flying a drone "in an irresponsible manner without a permit."

Complaints would be reviewed by officials and if an operator is found to have broken the rules, he or she would be fined up to Can\$25,000 (US\$18,500) or jailed.

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The form asks for significant details of the incident and uses pictographs to help identify the kind of [drone](#) used. It also asks to include photos or video footage, if available.

"Many Canadians will receive or purchase drones over the holidays this year and we encourage all new operators to learn the rules and help us keep the skies safe," said Kate Young, parliamentary secretary to Transport Minister Marc Garneau.

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