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## Recreational drone users advised to check cover before take-off

IAG is encouraging budding drone pilots to check their insurance cover before taking to the skies over the holiday season.

With drones set to become the hottest gift item of the year, the insurer has responded to growing demand for protection from the hazards associated with recreational drone use through announcing an update to its insurance policies.

The change will see a number of insurance brands under the IAG parent company, including NRMA Insurance, SGIC, SGIO and CGU offer cover for personal drone use under existing home and contents insurance policies.

“Drones have become increasingly more available and affordable to the public, which has created a gap in the market for cover for recreational drone use,” said Tracy Green, Executive General Manager of Product and Underwriting for IAG.

“With the surge in popularity of drones this Christmas, we have acted quickly to deliver a solution that will give our customers peace of mind that they will have increased protection if an accident happens or damage occurs while they are flying a drone.”

Home and contents insurance can differ between insurers, and IAG recommends that individuals check the terms and conditions of their policy.

“If you are giving or receiving a drone this Christmas, we would urge you to contact your insurer to chat about your specific needs and cover. It is important to know what you will be protected for in the event of an accident,” said Ms Green.

“We would also encourage drone users to check out the Civil Aviation Safety Regulations and be vigilant about when and where they fly their drones, particularly in residential areas.”

The extended home and contents cover offered through IAG will include a range of risks associated with recreational drone use, including accidental damage, theft and loss. Visit [iag.com.au](http://iag.com.au) for further information.

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