



Drones and Critical Infrastructure Survey Findings



About the Survey Participants

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companies operating...

+2,200

critical infrastructure facilities and other sensitive sites throughout U.S.

+72%

of facilities/sites located near heavily populated areas



76%

of companies
(and/or service providers)
use drones in their operations

Use of Drones in operations

% using drones for function

92% Inspections

62% Maintenance

50% Mapping and surveying

46% Emergency response

27% Surveillance

19% Security management

19% Environmental monitoring

15% Asset monitoring

4% Logistics and delivery

Other uses: dust removal, media and advertisements, monitoring large construction project in progress

85%

of companies
have detected
drones near their
facilities over the
past year.

Unauthorized Drone Activity

Over past year:

- More than **200 drones** detected at facilities
- More than **100 facilities** detected drones at least once

82%

of companies think
drones pose a threat
to their facilities

Threats to critical infrastructure

% of companies identifying the threat

91% (hostile) Surveillance

70% Industrial espionage (stealing sensitive
technology/ intellectual property)

64% Disruption to operations

61% Worker safety

58% Damage to facility infrastructure

Preparation and Response

- 45% have a security plan addressing drones
- 39% conduct post-incident analysis after a drone incursion
- 24% conduct scenario planning addressing drones
- 21% have a formal drone response plan
- 21% conduct drills with employees addressing drones



Mitigation, Authority, Legislative Input



*We need **FAA** to act now!*

if they were able to, companies would petition the FAA for a flight-restricted zone over their facilities



think restrictions over their facilities should also include prohibiting drones used for commercial delivery purposes, including the transportation of hazardous materials as defined in Section 933 of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2024.

