RC Helicopter and Why They are Not Considered Toys by Javed Khan

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Many members of todayâ€™s population consider having an RC helicopter nothing more than having a very expensive toy that is fun to commandeer in flight. While it is true that commandeering RC helicopter while in flight is fun, this small machine must be considered as something more than a toy, and oftentimes, the failure to realize this fact can result in some serious damage and injuries to oneself and others.

RC helicopter, as small as they are, are very powerful machines. They are able to pack in a powerful punch that can cause injury and serious damage to anyone it hits (note that this type of RC vehicle can go up to 150 miles per hour). Any person hot by this machine in a sensitive spot such as the head, or wounded at the location of any major artery may even be killed instantly.

Due to the relative powerfulness of this RC helicopter, it is essential for RC pilots to practice only the highest levels of safety when taking them in flight. Any responsible RC aviator should refrain performing any complicated and dangerous stunt or trick indoors and in populated areas for fear of the safety of those in the general vicinity of the area. Here are a few guidelines one should always practice when flying n RC helicopter.

1. Take of and land at least 10 to 20 feet away from you. This is what is considered as one of the safest distances for landing.

2. Never fly you helicopter anywhere there is a congestion of people

3. Donâ€™t fly anywhere near power lines, buildings, trees, or even vehicles

4. Never fly in conditions beyond your skill

5. Do not practice RC aviation alone. It is helpful to always have someone with you in case any emergency arises

6. Donâ€™t attempt to fly indoors unless your helicopter is specifically designed for indoor use

Of course, there are other safety concerns that must be considered in RC helicopter. However, they are not necessarily about the flight of the helicopter itself. For example, as a precautionary practice, you must always ensure that your helicopter is properly stored and you have the proper storage for the batteries or fuel that is needed by your helicopter.

If you are using lithium batteries to power your electric helicopters, then it is essential that you are able to store them properly when they are not in use because this type of battery has a potential to be volatile, and if not stored properly could explode. Donâ€™t keep the battery inside your helicopter when you are not using it in flight.

On the other hand, if you are using fuel to power your helicopter, store it in areas where no sparks are ever expected to occur. Helicopter fuels are extremely flammable and combustible. You wouldnâ€™t want to store it anywhere near anything that is able to produce heat. You should not even store it anywhere near a direct sunlight.

Flying helicopters can indeed be fun, but donâ€™t take it too lightly. Always stay on the safe side.

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