



What are the Construction (Design and Management) Regulations?

The Construction (Design and Management) Regulations (CDM 2007) were introduced to try and reduce the large number of serious and fatal accidents that occur within the Construction Industry each year.

Compliance with CDM 2007 is now a legal requirement on construction projects in Great Britain. The CDM Regulations impact on every aspect of construction from concept through to design, construction, maintenance and demolition.

The CDM Regulations apply to most common building, civil engineering and engineering construction work that takes either more than 30 working days, or more than 500 man days on site.



The key aim of the regulations is to integrate health and safety into the management of the project and to encourage everyone involved to work together to:

- improve the planning and management of projects from the start;
- identify hazards early on, so they can be eliminated or reduced at the design or planning stage and the remaining risks properly managed;
- target effort where it can do the most good in terms of health and safety; and
- discourage unnecessary bureaucracy



Who are involved?

There are five key parties involved in CDM, these are:

- Client
- CDM Co-ordinator
- Designer
- Principal Contractor
- Other Contractors

Each of these has specific roles with regards to the health and safety of a project and their duties under the CDM regulations.

Very briefly the main responsibilities of each party are as overleaf:

The Client

The Client is responsible for appointing all those involved in the project. He has a duty to ensure that all relevant information relating to the project is made available to those involved.

The CDM Co-ordinator (CDMC)

The CDMC is the Client's key project advisor in respect to the management of health and safety matters on a project. It is vital that the CDMC is appointed as early as possible in the life of a scheme for him to carry out all of his duties correctly. The CDMC must also notify the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) of the project.



The Designer

The Designer has a duty to try and eliminate construction hazards throughout the design process. Details of any remaining hazards must then be passed to the CDMC.

Principal Contractor

The Principal Contractor is responsible for health and safety matters on site. The Principal Contractor must make sure that the construction of the scheme is properly planned, monitored and resourced to ensure that all those working on to project are provided with the information they need to carry out their works safely.



Other Contractors

All Contractors must co-operate with the Principal Contractor and others and co-ordinate their works with others involved in the project.

(It should be noted that the above is not exhaustive and reference should be made to the CDM Regulations)

Sanderson Associates - CDMC

Sanderson Associates understand their duties and responsibilities as a Designer under the CDM regulations and fulfil this role on all projects they are employed on.

We can also now provide the role of CDMC on highway schemes by using our own in house CDMC.

We can also provide Clients with further information to help them carry out their duties under the regulations.

Further information can be found on the HSE's website at:

www.hse.gov.uk/construction/cdm.htm

The CDM Regulations can be viewed at:

www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2007/320/contents/made