

Principal Designer Services

The Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2015 place duties on clients to ensure that competent persons are employed on construction projects.

Whilst predominantly focused on the construction industry, it does in fact apply to a number of sectors and in real terms if you are carrying out any of the following activities you may fall under the requirements of the Construction (Design & Management) Regulations:

- Demolition and dismantling Building
- Associated preparations, cleaning, maintenance
- Exploratory work in preparation for construction, including investigation work
- Construction of temporary structures used during construction work (formwork, scaffold etc.)
- Civil engineering or engineering construction work
- Installation, commissioning, decommissioning or dismantling of any fixed plant

In an ideal world it would be simple to say that if you were carrying out one of the above activities then CDM would apply, however this may not be the case, as other criteria need to be applied in the majority of cases.

The Principal Designer Service has been developed primarily for companies operating in the telecommunications, utilities and construction industries and to enable clients to comply with the requirements imposed under regulation 14 of the CDM Regulations.

Our duties include:

- Co-ordination and assessment of the Designers and Engineering Design Consultants
- Provision of advice on all aspects of health and safety at the design stage
- Assessment of competence for the Principal Contractor
- Preparation of the Pre-Construction Information Pack
- Approval of the Construction Phase (Stage 2) Health & Safety Plan
- Assessment of the Principal Contractor's preliminary Method Statements
- Submission of form F10 to the local HSE on behalf of the client
- Co-ordination and compilation of information for the Health & Safety File
- General advice on all health and safety matters during the project

The requirements imposed on the various parties by the Construction (Design & Management) Regulations are not always self-explanatory; please feel free to contact one of our consultants for an informal discussion on how CDM may apply to your situation.