

WHAT IS CDM?

If you are about to build, extend, alter, or demolish a structure then the Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2007, place a number of legal duties on you as the Client.

CDM is concerned with all Health, Safety and Welfare aspects of construction and maintenance projects.

It is the responsibility of the Client to ensure that the requirements of CDM 2007 are met. CDM recognises that the Client has the power to influence and control those involved in a project, and therefore the ultimate achievement of a safe project is in the Client's control.

In practice you can delegate duties and responsibilities to your professional team but legally, as Client, you will remain responsible.

CDM 2007, revokes and replaces the Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 1994 and the Construction (Health, Safety and Welfare) Regulations 1996.

WHY CDM?

2.2 million people work in Britain's construction industry, making it the country's biggest industry. It is also one of the most dangerous. In the last 25 years, over 2,800 people have died from injuries they received as a result of construction work. Many more have been injured or made ill.

- 77 construction workers died in 2006/2007,
- 23 of these deaths were caused by falls from height
- 67% of deaths occurred on small sites



WHEN DOES CDM APPLY?

CDM 2007 applies to 'all projects' which include 'construction work', and is a legal requirement.

The regulations require to be applied from the point where the need for a project is identified up to commissioning, including snagging.

Projects involving more than 30 days or 500 person days require to be notified to the Health and Safety Executive. These notifiable project carry additional duties including the requirement to appoint a CDM Co-ordinator.

Until you make this appointment you, the Client, is considered to be the CDM Co-ordinator.

CDM CO-ORDINATOR?

For many projects you will need an advisor to assist you with your duties. This advisor is called a CDM Co-ordinator. For notifiable projects you are required to appoint a CDM Co-ordinator.

A CDM Co-ordinator replaces the previous Planning Supervisor role, from CDM 1994.

The CDM Co-ordinator is a key project advisor in respect of construction health and safety risk management matters.

CRGP Limited provide a CDM Co-ordinator service to assist Clients through the various processes and to advise you on your CDM duties.

WHEN TO APPOINT A CDM CO-ORDINATOR?

The CDM Co-ordinator requires to be appointed as early as possible to allow design work to progress beyond 'initial design'.

ARE THERE ANY ADVANTAGES TO ME?

- Improve planning and management and so reduce costs, delays and bad publicity resulting from accidents or ill health.
- Ensure that future maintenance, cleaning and repair issues have been considered.
- Reduce whole life costs of the structure.

WHAT IF I DON'T CARRY OUT THESE DUTIES?

If you do not appoint a CDM Co-ordinator or a Principal Contractor you will be legally liable for their duties and be deemed to be carrying them out.

- You will miss the 'advantages' listed previously.
- You could face criminal prosecution by the HSE, or an expensive civil action.



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