

CLIENT DUTIES

CONSTRUCTION (DESIGN AND MANAGEMENT) REGULATIONS 2007

Clients' have general management duties with regard to:

- ■ Competence
- ■ Co-operation
- ■ Co-ordination

Client duties under ALL construction projects.

Every Client SHALL:

- ■ Take reasonable steps to ensure that arrangements for managing the project by persons with a duty are suitable to ensure that:
 - ■ The construction work can be carried out so far as reasonably practicable without risk to health and safety of any person.
 - ■ The requirements of Schedule 2 (welfare facility provision) are complied with
 - ■ Any structure designed for use as a workplace has been designed taking into account the provisions of the Workplace (Health, Safety and Welfare) Regulations 1992.
- ■ Promptly provide all designers and contractors with pre-construction health and safety information.
- ■ Take reasonable steps to ensure that the arrangements for managing the project are maintained and reviewed throughout the project.

Additional Client duties under NOTIFIABLE construction projects.

Every Client SHALL:

- ■ Make all appointments in writing.
- ■ Appoint a CDM Co-ordinator as soon as practicable.
- ■ Appoint a Principal Contractor as soon as is practicable after appointing a CDM Co-ordinator.
- ■ Promptly provide the CDM Co-ordinator with pre-construction health and safety information.
- ■ Ensure that no work commences unless he is satisfied that the Principal Contractor has prepared a Construction Phase H&S Plan that complies with his duties.
- ■ Ensure that the CDM Co-ordinator is provided with all information for inclusion in the H&S File.
- ■ Retain the H&S File, to be made available to anyone who requires it and revised as appropriate.

A project is notifiable if the construction phase is likely to involve more than:

- ■ 30 days
- ■ 500 person days

All duty holders are expected to be pro-active in all Health and Safety matters.

The Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2007 come into force on the 6 April 2007 with immediate effect. The Regulations apply to all construction projects irrespective of the stage they have reached prior to this date.