

INTRODUCTION

CONSTRUCTION (DESIGN AND MANAGEMENT) REGULATIONS 2007






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

The revised Regulations replace the Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 1994 and the Construction (Health, Safety and Welfare) Regulations 1996.

The key aim of CDM 2007 is to integrate health and safety into the management of the project and to encourage everyone involved to work together i.e. health and safety considerations must be treated as an essential, but normal part of a project's development – not an afterthought or bolt on extra.

The effort devoted to planning and managing health and safety should be in proportion to the risks and complexity associated with the project. When deciding what you need to do to comply with these Regulations, your focus should always be on action necessary to reduce and manage risks. Any paperwork produced should help with communication and risk management. Paperwork which adds little to the management of risk is a waste of effort and can be a dangerous distraction from the real business of risk reduction and management.



The revised Regulations have made the Planning Supervisor obsolete but have introduced a new duty holder, the CDM Co-ordinator. The duty holders under the revised Regulations are:

-  **Client** - see downloadable PDF document
-  **CDM Co-ordinator** - see downloadable PDF document
-  **Designer** - see downloadable PDF document
-  **Principal Contractor**
-  **Contractor**

CDM 2007 is in five parts:

-  **Introduction**
-  **General management duties applying to ALL construction projects**
-  **Additional duties where project is notifiable**
-  **Health and Safety on construction sites**
-  **General**

CDM 2007 has specific general management duties within part two applicable to:

-  **Competence**
-  **Co-operation**
-  **Co-ordination**
-  **Principles of prevention**

CDM 2007 introduces the concept of self-assessment with regard to competency

-  **New regulations apply on existing projects from coming into force date**
-  **Duty holders must perform new duties from day 1**

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