

CDM2015 Clients

duties and competence requirements

General Introduction

The CDM Regulations apply to ALL construction work. This includes even minor works such as redecoration, maintenance and moving cables.

The HSE see the Client as the most important duty holder:

'The client has a major influence over the way a project is procured and managed. Regardless of the size of the project, the client has contractual control, appoints designers and contractors, and determines the money, time and other resources available'.

The Client **MUST**...

Make suitable H&S management arrangements for the project including sufficient time and resources. The Client must take ownership of the arrangements and ensure the arrangements are maintained and revised throughout

- Provide pre-construction H&S information as soon as practicable to every designer and contractor appointed
- Ensure designers and contractors under consideration have skills, knowledge and experience necessary to fulfil the role in a manner that secures the H&S of any person affected
- Where there is more than one contractor, or if it is reasonably foreseeable that more than one contractor will be working on a project at any time, the client must appoint in writing— (a) a designer with control over the pre- construction phase as principal designer; and (b) a contractor as principal contractor

The Client **MUST**...

- Undertake the duties of the principal designer and principal contractor if not appointed
- Ensure the principle designer complies with any principal designer duties
- Ensure the principal contractor complies with any principal contractor duties
- Ensure that a construction phase plan is drawn up by the contractor or principal contractor
- Ensure that suitable welfare facilities are in place
- Submit the F10 notification for the project to the HSE when required or request that someone else do this on their behalf
- Ensure that an up to date notice is displayed in the construction site office
- Cooperate with any other person working on the project or an adjoining construction site
- Ensure a Health and Safety File is prepared, reviewed, updated and handed over by the principal designer at the end of the project

“ For assistance on any project contact 01704 531 252 or email: ps@njsr.co.uk ”