

CDM2015 Designer

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 Designer is...

'An organisation or individual, who:

- (a) prepares or modifies a design for a construction project (including the design of temporary works); or
- (b) arranges for or instructs someone else to do so'.

The Designer **MUST**...

- Not commence work in relation to a project unless satisfied that the client is aware of the duties owed by the client under these Regulations.
- When preparing or modifying a design the designer **MUST** take into account the general principles of prevention and any pre-construction information to eliminate, so far as is reasonably practicable, foreseeable risks to the health or safety of any person -
 - (a) carrying out or liable to be affected by construction work;
 - (b) maintaining or cleaning a structure; or
 - (c) using a structure designed as a workplace.

The Designer **MUST**...

If it is not possible to eliminate these risks, the designer must, so far as is reasonably practicable -

- (a) take steps to reduce or, if that is not possible, control the risks through the subsequent design process;
- (b) provide information about those risks to the principal designer; and
- (c) ensure appropriate information is included in the health and safety file.

A designer must take all reasonable steps to provide, with the design, sufficient information about the design, construction or maintenance of the structure, to adequately assist the client, other designers and contractors to comply with their duties under these Regulations.

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