

CDM2015 Introduction

construction design and management regulations

General Introduction

The Construction, Design and Management Regulations apply to ALL construction work.

They apply whether the work is undertaken for a commercial client or domestic client.

Construction work...

Means the carrying out of any building, civil engineering or engineering construction work and includes—

- The construction, alteration, conversion, fitting out, commissioning, renovation, repair, upkeep, redecoration or other maintenance (including cleaning which involves the use of water or an abrasive at high pressure, or the use of corrosive or toxic substances), de-commissioning, demolition or dismantling of a structure;
- The preparation for an intended structure, including site clearance, exploration, investigation (but not site survey and excavation (but not pre-construction archaeological investigations), and the clearance or preparation of the site or structure for use or occupation at its conclusion;
- The assembly on site of prefabricated elements to form a structure or the disassembly on site of the prefabricated elements which, immediately before disassembly, formed a structure;
- The removal of a structure, or of any product or waste resulting from demolition or dismantling of a structure, or from disassembly of prefabricated elements which immediately before such disassembly formed such a structure;

Construction work...

- The installation, commissioning, maintenance, repair or removal of mechanical, electrical, gas, compressed air, hydraulic, telecommunications, computer or similar services which are normally fixed within or to a structure.

The HSE believe...

the client has major importance as 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.

CDM 2015 makes the client accountable for the impact their decisions and approach have on health, safety and welfare on the project.

Health and safety considerations must be treated as an essential, but normal part of a project's design and development – not an afterthought or bolt on extra.

The Duty holders...

are expected to be pro-active in all health and safety matters. The duty holders are:

Client	see downloadable PDF document
Principal Designer	see downloadable PDF document
Designer	see downloadable PDF document
Principal Contractor	see downloadable PDF document

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