

# CDM2015 Principal 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 Principal Designer **MUST...**

Plan, manage and monitor the pre-construction phase and coordinate matters relating to H&S during the pre-construction phase to ensure that the project is carried out without risks to health & safety in fulfilling these duties and in particular when —

- (a) design, technical and organisational aspects are being decided in order to plan the various items or stages of work which are to take place simultaneously or in succession; and
- (b) estimating the period of time required to complete such work or work stages.

Take into account general principles and the content of any construction phase plan and health & safety file.

- Identify and eliminate or control foreseeable risks to health & safety of any person carrying out or affected by construction work; maintaining or cleaning a structure; or using a structure as a place of work.

### The Principal Designer **MUST...**

- Ensure designers comply with their duties to eliminate, reduce and control risk and provide information about those risks to the principal designer.
- Ensure co-ordination of Health and Safety matters during pre-construction phase as well as ensuring that all persons working in relation to the pre-construction phase cooperate with the client, the principal designer and each other.
- Assist the client in the provision of the pre-construction information required and so far as it is within the principal designer's control, provide pre-construction information, promptly and in a convenient form, to every designer and contractor appointed, or being considered for appointment, to the project.
- Liaise with the principal contractor for the duration of the principal designer's appointment and share with the principal contractor information relevant to the planning, management and monitoring of the construction phase and the coordination of health and safety matters during the construction phase.
- Ensure that the health and safety file is appropriately reviewed, updated and revised from time to time to take account of the work and any changes that have occurred. At the end of the project, the principal designer must pass the health and safety file to the client.

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