

CDM 2015 IS COMING - ARE YOU READY?

Recently proposed changes to the Construction (Design & Management) Regulations are due to come into force on 6th April 2015. Guidance has been issued by the Health and Safety Executive that details the structural simplification of the regulations which are aimed at making the legislation clearer and easier to understand.

WSP SAFETY LTD CAN HELP ALL DUTY HOLDERS TO MEET THEIR OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE NEW LEGISLATION

WSP Safety Ltd have developed a range of consultancy services to meet the new arrangements of the 2015 CDM Regulations. We can tailor our service to meet each duty holder requirements.

- **Clients** – Consultancy assistance with discharging expanded duties, covering programme CDM management, HSE notifications, independent monitoring of CDM compliance and site health and safety arrangements.
- **Principal Designers** – Collating and managing pre construction information, site hazard assessments and risk registers. Preparing pre construction information documentation and health and safety files.
- **Principal Contractors** – Preparation of construction phase health & safety plan, site safety monitoring and reporting, collation of health and safety file information.
- **CDM 2015** – Work with duty holder organisations to develop bespoke clear and uncomplicated operational procedures and processes

Whatever your situation, status or experience; our team of dedicated construction safety professionals can work with you to come up with a solution that best suits your needs. The new regulations come into force on 6th April so please call us today to discuss your exact requirements.

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Further Information:

Follow the links below to the formal guidance issued by the HSE and CONIAC:



[Health and Safety Executive – L Series CDM 2015 Regulations Draft \(Jan 15\)](#)



[CONIAC Client's Guidance](#)



[CONIAC Principal Contractor Guidance](#)



[CONIAC Principal Designer Guidance](#)



[CONIAC Contractor Guidance](#)



[CONIAC Designer Guidance](#)



[CONIAC Worker Guidance](#)

A SUMMARY OF THE KEY CHANGES WITHIN THE 2015 CDM REGULATIONS DETAILED BELOW

SIGNIFICANT CHANGES TO THE CDM REGULATIONS	IMPACT TO YOU
CDM Co-ordinator replaced by a new role of Principal Designer	<p>The Client will now need to appoint a Principal Designer (PD) for all projects where more than one trade contractor is employed.</p> <p>The PD will be responsible for control over the design and planning stage.</p> <p>The PD is responsible for identifying, obtaining and collating Pre-construction Information and providing to the Principal Contractor; ensuring that designers cooperate and comply with their duties; and, preparing the health and safety file.</p>
Principal Designer and Principal Contractor to be formally appointed in writing for projects where there is more than one trade contractor	The Client must formally appoint both the Principal Designer and the Principal Contractor in writing. If this is not undertaken, the duties automatically revert back to the Client.
Duty to notify now belongs to the Client	The Client is now responsible for notifying the project to the Health and Safety Executive prior to it starting on site.
Threshold for notification changed	Projects lasting more than 30 days <u>and</u> where more than 20 contractors on site <u>or</u> projects involving more than 500 man days require notifying to the Client.
Construction Phase Plans required for all projects	The Client is required to ensure that a suitable Construction Phase Plan is provided by the Contractor or Principal Contractor before any works commence on site.
Client Construction Phase Responsibilities	The Client must ensure arrangements to manage H&S during the construction phase are effectively discharged by the Principal Contractor
'Explicit' competence requirements removed and replaced with Information, Instruction, Training and Supervision requirements	<p>The Client will need to ensure those that are to be appointed can demonstrate appropriate information, instruction, training and supervision.</p> <p>Anyone working on a construction project should be able to demonstrate capability and have the necessary resources to fulfil legal duties. A questionnaire in line with PAS91 can be utilised or if a company is registered to an SSIP scheme this would be acceptable. The expectation is that this will eliminate the excessive pre-qualification questionnaires that are currently in use.</p>
Approved Code of Practise (ACoP) replaced with industry guidance	Industry guidance has been produced by members of the Construction Industry Advisory Committee (CONIAC). Links to these documents are available on the previous page
Duties to be applicable to domestic clients	For projects involving more than one contractor, the Principal Contractor will normally assume the Client duties. The domestic Client can choose to appoint the Principal Designer for the project. If, however, they do not make this appointment, the first Designer appointed during the preconstruction phase is the Principal Designer for the project. If so, the Principal Designer will be answerable to the Principal Contractor in their role as 'Client' for the project and will be responsible for liaising with them.
6 Month transitional period until 5 th October 2015	A 6 month grace period has been afforded for projects which have started before the revised regulations come into force. Under the arrangements the CDM Co-ordinator can continue until 5 th October by which time the Client must have appointed a Principal Designer.

The significant changes to the regulations are detailed in the table above. However, these maybe subject to change while they are awaiting Parliamentary approval.