

## CONSTRUCTION (DESIGN & MANAGEMENT) REGULATIONS 2015 CLIENTS

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As the **client** you have overall responsibility for the successful management of the project, and CDM 2015 requires you to discharge a number of duties.

CDM 2015 defines a client as anyone for whom a construction project is carried out. The regulations apply to both **commercial** and **domestic** clients.

A **commercial** client is an organisation or individual for whom a construction project is carried out in connection with a business, whether the business operates for profit or not. Examples of commercial clients are schools, retailers and landlords.

You are a **domestic** client if you are having work carried out which is not connected with running a business. Usually, this means arranging for work to be carried out on the property where you or a family member lives.

### Commercial Client's Duties

Make suitable arrangements for managing a project. This includes making sure that:

- other duty holders are appointed
- sufficient time and resources are allocated.

Clients must also make sure that:

- relevant information is prepared and provided to other duty holders
- the principal designer/designer and principal contractor/contractor carry out their duties
- where appropriate the project is notified to the enforcing authorities
- a Construction Phase Plan is in place
- welfare facilities are provided
- where appropriate a Health and Safety File is prepared



### Domestic Client's Duties

The Domestic clients duties are the same as as the Commercial Clients duties above, but their duties as a client are transferred to:

- the contractor, on a single contractor project, or
- the principal contractor, on a project involving more than one contractor.

However, the domestic client can choose to have a written agreement for the principal designer to carry out the client duties.

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WDP has developed an expertise in the fields of CDM and Health and Safety, working on projects large and small and as diverse as multi-function high-rise buildings, coach station redevelopments, building conversions & extensions and zoo exhibits

Our consultants have undertaken leading roles on many projects, for both commercial and domestic clients throughout the UK. We have a wealth of engineers experienced in many different disciplines including, Structural, Civil and Infrastructure



This gives us a unique position within the construction industry, as our breadth of knowledge and experience ensures both the technical and safety aspects of the design are taken into account.

Whatever your CDM requirements, WDP will provide you with a quality competitive service that will enable you to discharge your CDM duties with confidence and ensure you and your project is CDM compliant.

### **What the Principal Designer does:**

- Coordinate design work, planning and other preparation for construction where relevant to health and safety;
- Assist in identifying and collecting the pre-construction information and advise the client if additional information is required;
- Promptly provide to all those involved, including contractors, pre-construction information relevant to each party;
- Manage the flow of health and safety information between client, contractors and designers;
- Produce or update a relevant, user friendly, health and safety file, suitable for future use at the end of the construction phase.

### **What the Client Advisor does:**

- Advise the Client on competency of designers and contractors;
- Notify HSE about the project if applicable;
- Advise the client on the suitability of the initial construction phase plan and arrangements made to ensure welfare facilities from the start

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