

CONSTRUCTION (DESIGN & MANAGEMENT) REGULATIONS 2015 Principal Designer

As a **designer** on a construction project you may be required by your client to be appointed as **Principal Designer** and in certain situations you may be deemed to act as a **Principal Designer**, regardless of whether a formal appointment was made.

Under CDM 2015 a **designer** is defined as an organisation or individual that prepares or modifies a design for any part of a construction project, including the design of temporary works, or who arranges or instructs someone else to do it.

Designers can be architects, consulting engineers, interior designers, temporary work engineers, chartered surveyors, technicians, specifiers, Principal Contractors and specialist contractors. You could also be carrying out design even if you would normally not identify yourself as a designer. An example would be if you are a client or contractor specifying a particular roof system, deciding what size joists to use or selecting a type of window.

Principal Designer's Duties

Plan, manage, monitor and co-ordinate health and safety in the preconstruction phase of a project. This includes:

- identifying, eliminating or controlling foreseeable risks
- ensuring designers carry out their duties.

Prepare and provide relevant information to other duty holders.

Liaise with the principal contractor to help in the planning, management, monitoring and co-ordination of the construction phase.



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 are CDM compliant.

What the Principal Designer CDM advisor does:

- Advising Principal Designer on their duties under CDM 2015
- Assisting Principal Designer with discharge their duties under CDM 2015
- Preparing and issuing the Pre-Construction Information in electronic format
- Advising and assisting with the Principal Designer's duties with regards to the Health and Safety File