

CDM REGULATIONS 2007

OVERVIEW

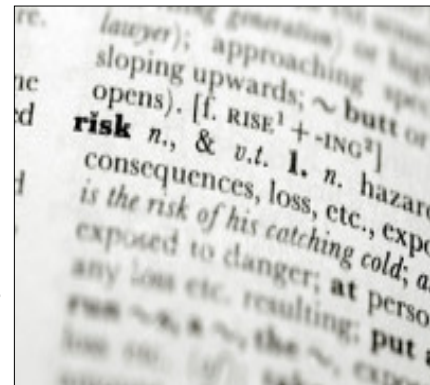
The Construction (Design & Management) Regulations exist to integrate Health & Safety into the management of construction projects and to encourage everyone involved to work together in the planning & management of the project.

Health & Safety Executive's key messages;

- ✚ Reduce bureaucracy and paperwork - making the focus planning and management, rather than the plan and other paperwork;
- ✚ Simplifying the Regulations to improve clarity – so making it easier for duty holders to know what is expected of them;
- ✚ Encouraging more integration - strengthening the requirements regarding co-ordination and co-operation, particularly between designers and contractors;
- ✚ Simplifying the assessment of competence (both for organisations and individuals) to help raise standards and reduce bureaucracy; and
- ✚ Maximising flexibility – to fit with the vast range of contractual arrangements.

SUMMARY OF MAIN CHANGES

- ✚ **CDM 2007 places legal duties on virtually everyone involved in construction work.**
- ✚ Combines CDM & Construction (Health, Safety & Welfare) Regulations
- ✚ Brings in some requirements of Workplace (Health, Safety & Welfare) Regulations
- ✚ Triggers for appointments: CDM-C and Principal Contractor
- ✚ Client: increased duties on management arrangements
- ✚ CDM Co-ordinator: key advisor to the Client;
- ✚ Designers to eliminate hazards: reduce risk
- ✚ Competence Levels: clarified & more onerous for all duty-holders
- ✚ **Right information to the right people at the right time!**



THE ROLE OF THE CDM CO-ORDINATOR

- ✚ **Key Health & Safety Advisor to the Client**
- ✚ **Advise Client on Competence of Designers & Principal Contractor**
- ✚ **Manage Information Flow**
- ✚ **Provide Health & Safety Information**
- ✚ **Advise Client on adequacy of Management Arrangements**
- ✚ **Co-ordinate Design Work with respect to Health & Safety**
- ✚ **On-Going Design**
- ✚ **H&S File**



CDM CO-ORDINATOR – WHY USE A CONSULTANCY?

- ✚ **National coverage**
GHP Consultancy provides a “one-stop-shop” of consultancy services through our regional offices with support, co-ordination and development from Bracknell Head Office.
- ✚ **Consistent & Co-ordinated approach**
Our systems implement the law alongside your corporate procedures and with our involvement, you can be sure that your systems are consistent from site to site and that your personnel have an external point of contact to go to for advice and guidance.
- ✚ **Independent and Informed!**
GHP Consultancy as your consultant provides you with an independent point of view, outside your corporate structure but still understanding how your company operates; call us a fresh pair eyes! We also ensure that all of our professionals are up-to-date and conversant with legislation, helping you remain compliant at all times without you having to spend time in research!
- ✚ **Develop systems of Best Practice highlighted by the HSE**
Systems developed for other Clients have been highlighted by the Health & Safety Executive as systems of Best Practice ensuring that Health & Safety is managed effectively but also sensibly and coherently. Systems are fully transparent and auditable, maintaining a high standard of consistency across your whole company.
- ✚ **Saves you money!**
It goes without saying that GHP Consultancy prices all of its services competitively! In fact, with our integrated approach to system development we can help you save money by freeing your staff up to concentrate on your core business – see our Cost Benefit Analysis to show you how you save directly & indirectly by employing a consultant.

BENEFITS OF A CONSISTENT CORPORATE APPROACH

Where your business operates in distinct regions/departments, there is a lot to be said for maintaining a corporate and consistent approach to Health & Safety;

Covers Legal & Corporate Obligations

For each project, you know that minimum requirements of construction H&S legislation are met (CDM Regs, LOLER/PUWER/WAH/COSHH/Fire Safety etc) and that your corporate approach is being adopted, with full back up and support from GHP Consultancy.

As a company, shows a committed & co-ordinated approach to H&S Management

You've spent the time developing a system to ensure legal requirements are met and your staff know what they must do to manage H&S, so it goes without saying that you're demonstrating that you as a company are committed to improving H&S standards on your sites.

Transparent Audit Trail – good defence!

Under HASWA 74, the burden of proof is on you to prove that your management teams fulfilled your legal obligations and generally, the only way to support this is to maintain an audit trail. GHP Consultancy's system is an EXCELLENT audit trail to show the actions taken by your management teams on-site and when implemented correctly, provides an excellent defence!

Simplifies site preparation – concentrate on good/specific planning

It's an audit trail, so there is generally quite a lot of "paper", most of which will be generic forms. GHP Consultancy has teams of staff, which take on the burden of preparing your initial documentation to free your staff up to concentrate on the proper planning, management and risk assessment process; time that is invaluable at the start of any site to help reduce risk – both safety & commercial!

Simplifies Site Manager's management of H&S (from site to site)

A Site Manager's main focus should be to ensure that the project is run efficiently, effectively and to budget and quality standards, in a safe manner. We recognise the need to keep the administration burden to a minimum so the system is easy to use and well indexed to help SM's to find what they need, quickly.

The whole system is designed with the SM in mind – by keeping the paperwork to a minimum, the Site Manager can get out on-site far more regularly ensuring safety and quality standards are being adhered to in practice!

Additionally, by using a consistent system, from site to site H&S is managed in the same way, so that if your SM's move around, there are no learning curves – it is the same basic system for each site.

Easy to identify incorrect usage – identify weaknesses

The beauty of this type of system is that it is very easy to identify where it is not being used properly (an inch of dust on the lid is usually a dead giveaway!). In these instances, it is obvious where additional training is required for Site Management Teams; whether because the system is simply not being used or if there are certain areas which the Site Manager doesn't understand.

GHP Consultancy can offer a support mechanism for your Site Managers with regular "check-ups" which can be done to suit the needs of your business/site/personnel.