

CDM 2015 Regulations – Key Information

The new CDM (Construction, Design and Management) Regulations 2015 are due to come into force on the 6th April 2015 with a six month transitional period through to the 6th October 2015.

CDM applies to *all* construction activities by commercial businesses of any size and for the first time to domestic clients.

Key points to take note of:

- The CDM Co-ordinator (CDMc) role will no longer be applicable.
- If there is *more than one contractor* working on a project then a Principal Designer (PD) *and* a Principal Contractor (PC) must be appointed by the client. The PD is an organisation or individual that prepares or modifies a design for a construction project, including the design of temporary works, or arranges for or instructs someone else to do so. The PD is primarily responsible for the pre-construction phase of a project, *must* be a designer and be in a position to have *control* over the design and planning stage.
- The client will still have overall responsibility for the execution of the project with the roles of PD and PC all co-ordinating and communicating together throughout the pre-construction and construction phase.
- The PD has a duty for compiling and issuing preconstruction information to the PC with critical and high risk information to be provided by the client.
- The PD will be responsible for preparing and developing the Health and Safety File. If the PD's appointment finishes *before* the end of the project the file *must* be handed to the PC to complete.
- If a project is expected to last longer than 30 working days *and* have more than 20 workers working on the project at any one time or; exceed 500 person days, the client will need to make sure the HSE is notified via an F10.
- *All* construction projects require a Construction Phase Plan regardless of duration or the number contractors on site.
- Where a PC is applicable the following duties (similar to the CDM 2007 Regs) are required: prepare and manage the Construction Phase Plan; provide suitable welfare facilities; provide a site induction; secure the site; appoint contractors and workers that have the necessary skills, knowledge, training and experience; provide suitable and sufficient management and supervision; engage with contractors and workers; monitor health and safety standards on site and; contribute to the health and safety file.
- For projects starting *before* 6th April 2015, where the construction phase has *not* yet started and the client has *not* yet appointed a CDMc, then a PD must be appointed as soon as practicable.
- If the CDMc has already been appointed a PD must be appointed to *replace* the CDMc by 6th October 2015 unless the project comes to an end before then.

Primarily there has been little change of duties under the Principal Contractor role and Chalcroft whether acting as PC or contractor shall continue to liaise with all duty holders appointed and manage our sites and works in accordance with all applicable legislation.

For more information please see the latest guidance provided by the CITB: [PC Guidance Information](#) and [Client Guidance Information](#) or contact me at toddhallam@chalcroft.co.uk or on 0787 0242 963.