



Better Safety

Time | Cost | Quality

Client Overview of Service

PRINCIPAL DESIGNER ROLE OVERVIEW

Principal Designer Role

CDM 2015 introduced the role of Principal Designer, which partly replaces the previous CDM Co-ordinator duties.

The Principal Designer is responsible for the planning, monitoring and co-ordination aspects of designing health and safety into a construction project. This includes considerations of the principles of prevention for:

Design | Construction | Handover | In use | Demolition

The Principal Designer is stated as being “the individual or business in control of the Pre-construction phase” and will usually, but not always, be passed to the lead designer of the construction project during the early stages such as RIBA 0 – 2.

It is common for Principal Designer duties to pass to the Design and Build Principal Contractor following award of the build contract.

How Better Safety can help

The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) recognise many Principal Designers may not have the necessary skills within their practice to take on various projects and could choose to appoint an external organisation to support them in carrying out their duties.

We have extensive experience of supporting principal designers with the new CDM 2015 requirements.

Our projects range from Major Civils works with a value of £320 Million to Minor Repair works with a value of £10,000.

We apply our Three Core Principles to every project we undertake:

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SUPPORT WE OFFER YOUR PROJECT

What the Regulations say	How we can support you
The Principal Designer must plan, manage and monitor the pre-construction phase [and ongoing design during the construction phase] and co-ordinate matters relating to health and safety such that, so far as reasonably practicable, the project is carried out without risks to health or safety	We will provide the Principal Designer with a management plan for the project, detailing how health and safety aspects of the design will be monitored.
The Principal Designer must identify and eliminate or control foreseeable risks to health and safety of any person who is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Carrying out or liable to be affected by construction work. Maintaining or cleaning the structure; or Using a structure designed as a workplace 	<p>We will initiate and chair design risk workshops at agreed project work stages as required. The frequency of the workshops vary between size and complexity of the project.</p> <p>We will produce a co-ordinated design risk register to show identified risks. This will be auditable and updated at agreed intervals, allowing the Principal Designer to demonstrate their risk analysis in action.</p>
Ensure all Designers comply with their duties under Regulation 9.	We will ensure that design risk workshops address all design disciplines and that each party is fully equipped with information to eliminate risks arising from their design.
Ensure that all persons working in relation to the pre-construction Design phase co-operate with the Client Principal Contractor and each other	We will facilitate design workshops and where necessary value engineering workshops between all relevant duty holders for the project.
Assist the Client with the provision of pre-construction information	We will advise the D&B Contractor of the quality and completeness of the Pre-construction information received. This will include an appraisal of survey information such as GI Asbestos SI Reports
Provide pre-construction information promptly, in a convenient form to every designer and contractor appointed, or being considered for appointment	We will assist the Principal Contractor with the disbursements of relevant pre-construction information to contractors and designers as required.
Liaise with the Principal Contractor for the duration of the Principal Designers appointment to ensure to co-ordination of health and safety matters during the construction phase	We will continually review designs throughout the Construction Phase and facilitate focused workshops on selected work packages to ensure design risk management continues throughout the construction phase
Issue the Principal Designer with the Health and Safety File format	We will issue the Principal Contractor with the Client formatted Health and Safety File spine to be populated and returned upon project handover.
Additional Services we Offer	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CDM Training: Awareness Principal Designer CDM Client Advisor CHAS Accreditation consultancy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FIDIC Contract Reviews Construction Health and Safety Advice Strategic Health and Safety Advice