

CDM PRINCIPAL DESIGNER

Workplace Designs acts as Principal Designer under the CDM Regulations 2015. We plan, manage and monitor the pre-construction phase, coordinating design teams so that health and safety risks are identified, removed or controlled from concept through to handover.

What we do as CDM Principal Designer

- Plan, manage, monitor and coordinate health and safety in the pre-construction phase so that, as far as is reasonably practicable, the project is carried out without risks to health or safety.
- Identify, eliminate or control foreseeable risks, so far as is reasonably practicable.
- Collate and communicate pre-construction information.
- Coordinate with the Principal Contractor and client on HS&E.
- Prepare/update the Health & Safety File.
- Advise the client on duties and appointments under CDM.

Why it matters

- Demonstrable legal compliance with CDM 2015.
- Reduced construction risk, fewer late changes.
- Clear accountability and better programme certainty.
- A safer site and safer building in use.

Our process

- Scope & duties confirmation with the client.
- Gather and review pre-construction information.
- Coordinate design risk workshops; record significant risks.
- Review design packages; challenge and mitigate risks.
- Communicate residual risks to the Principal Contractor.
- Compile/update the Health & Safety File.
- Support during construction for design changes.

Competence & assurances

- Experienced PD leads with sector-relevant projects.
- Documented procedures for design risk management.
- Professional indemnity and public liability insurance.
- Collaborative approach with client, designers and PC.

Typical deliverables

- PD appointment & responsibilities matrix.
- Pre-Construction Information (PCI) collation.
- Design Risk Register / Significant Risks schedule.
- CDM design reviews and workshop notes.
- Health & Safety File (draft and final).

What if no Principal Designer were appointed?

“The client automatically assumes all PD duties and liabilities under the regulations”

Why choose Workplace Designs?

“We offer Integrated expertise, Proven compliance & Collaborative approach”

When should a PD be appointed?

“As early as possible in concept/feasibility to influence risk-informed design.”

Is CDM PD the same as BSA PD?

“No—different legal frameworks; we can provide either or both, with clear scopes.”

Workplace Designs
Architecture | Project Consultancy | Furniture | CAD & Graphics