

Principle Design Consultant / CDM Consultant

- ✓ The Construction Design and Management (CDM) Regulations were introduced in 1995 to help reduce accidents and ill health in the construction industry and apply to all construction work.
- ✓ The latest version of these regulations came into effect in April 2015 and makes significant changes.
- ✓ GNA are a registered member of the Institute of Construction Safety and have been advising clients on the Regulations since their inception.
- ✓ We also hold Safety Schemes in Procurement (SSIP) certification as a designer, further demonstrating our CDM competence.
- ✓ Our clients include Boots, Sainbury's, the T.A, several local authorities and Academies and many private clients.

Key Changes	What this means	How we can help
CDM-Coordinator replaced by the new role of Principal Designer	The Client is now required to appoint a Principal Designer (PD) for all projects where more than one trade contractor is employed. This PD will be responsible for control over the design & planning stage. The PD is responsible for collating pre-construction information and providing it to the Principal Contractor (PC)	We offer a service aimed to assist both the Principal Designer and the client to ensure they meet their duties under the new regulations.
The Client now has Construction Phase responsibilities	It is now the Client's duty to ensure arrangements to manage H&S are effectively discharged by the Principal Contractor; this means several of the CDM-C's former duties are now undertaken by the Client.	We can provide independent CDM advice and assistance to support Clients in discharge of their duties.
Duties are now applicable to domestic Client's	Previously; domestic clients (i.e. homeowners having construction work done to their homes) were largely exempt from CDM. However; if there is more than 1 contractor, the Principal Contractor will usually assume the Client's duties.	As an independent and experienced health and safety consultant, we can act as CDM advisors, offering professional guidance to all members of the project team every step of the way.
Principal Designer & Principal Contractor have to be formally appointed in writing	Where there is more than one trade contractor; both the PD & PC need to be formally appointed in writing - if not, the duties revert to the client.	
Construction Phase Plans are now required for ALL projects	The Client is now required to ensure that a suitable CPP is provided by the Contractor / Principle Contractor before any work commences.	We can evaluate and assess the construction phase plan to ensure the client fulfils their responsibilities. Additionally, we can assist the Principal Contractor with the development of a fully compliant CPP.
The threshold for notification has changed	The HSE only require notifying on Projects lasting more than 30 days and where this is more than 20 Contractor's on-site OR projects involving more than 500 man days.	We can ensure the client fulfils their legal obligations to inform the HSE where projects fall within the new requirements.