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How Foreman Roberts
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The Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2007

Changes in Construction Legislation

The Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 1994 and the Construction (Health, Safety and Welfare) Regulations 1996 have been combined to form the Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2007, referred to as CDM 2007.

This new legislation provides greater clarity on the roles of those involved in construction projects, of all sizes and introduces the CDM Co-ordinator (formerly Planning Supervisors) to the industry.

There is now a greater emphasis on reducing bureaucracy and generic non-project specific data; ensuring that health and safety is at the heart of the planning and management of a project from the start. Through our experience in delivering planning supervision, Foreman Roberts are well placed to provide the role of CDM Co-ordinator to all our Clients wherever they or their projects are located.

The Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2007 are aimed at improving levels of health & safety when structures are built, maintained, cleaned, used as a workplace, altered and eventually demolished.

The regulations apply to all non-domestic construction projects and impose duties on all those who can influence and contribute to health and safety.

Duty holders under the CDM (2007) regulations are:

- **Client**
- **Designers**
- **CDM Co-ordinator**
- **Principal Contractor**
- **Contractors**



On larger projects (in excess of 30 days and / or 500 person days) there is a requirement for the project to be notified to the HSE. There is also a necessary requirement under CDM 2007 for the Client to appoint a CDM Co-ordinator who will assist and advise on the CDM process and the duties of the project team.

On small projects (of less than 30 days and / or 500 person days), there is no requirement for a Client to appoint a CDM Co-ordinator however there are still duties for the Client, designers and construction team to apply CDM 2007. It is acceptable to appoint a competent person to advise them on their respective duties, although often it is appropriate to use the services of a CDM Co-ordinator.

CDM 2007 imposes significant duties upon the Client including ensuring that adequate procedures are in place to manage health & safety throughout the project.

Clients are obliged to make an early appointment to the role of 'CDM Co-ordinator' who will advise and assist the Client to co-ordinate health and safety issues during the project life cycle. A 'Principal Contractor' must be appointed to manage health and safety during the construction phase (note: the Client assumes by default, each role until an appointment is made).

The CDM Co-ordinator role requires them to establish the vital 'thread' of health and safety from concept to completion of a project. This includes:

- Notification to the Health & Safety Executive.
- Working closely with the design team throughout the design and construction process, to achieve hazard elimination.
- Advice and assistance with regards to management arrangements for health & safety.
- Compiling pre-construction information for provision to designers and contractors.

- Advising the Client with regard to the adequacy of the construction phase health and safety plan and welfare facilities before works commence on site.
- Ensuring compilation and delivery of the health & safety file to the Client upon completion.

Foreman Roberts can provide the CDM Co-ordinator role from all of their offices in the UK.

Why Foreman Roberts?

As an organisation we have the strong view that the CDM Co-ordinator needs to be a person with a number of years experience within the industry. By co-ordinating; communicating and co-operating as a team with the CDM Co-ordinator facilitating; early safe solutions are achieved.

All Foreman Roberts' CDM Co-ordinators are Registered members of the Association for Project Safety.

Foreman Roberts originally provided the duties of the Planning Supervisor, as defined by the CDM Regulations 1994. Our procedures have been further developed to carry out the role of CDM Co-ordinator, and have created a common methodology in producing and formatting data and procedure.



- Employs professionals from both design and former construction disciplines and thereby has first hand knowledge of the health and safety implications of design decisions.
- Employs professionals selected for their experience in the industry, at all levels of cost and complexity.
- Has offices in the UK to provide the expertise and resources of a national company at local level.

“The right information for the right people at the right time”

Foreman Roberts:

- Are able to offer an efficient service through established company procedures.
- Do not have any conflict of interest when assisting the Client in the assessment of competence and adequacy of resources of either the designers or principal contractor.
- Do not have any conflict of interest when assessing the health & safety implications of design decisions.
- Integrates health & safety into the project management process for improved planning from the start.

- Foreman Roberts have developed systems that support effectively the various design and procurement procedures, yet remain flexible enough to meet specific project or Client requirements. Our methodology has been refined to allow the design team to work unhindered by unnecessary bureaucracy, with the overall aim of providing added value to a project. For example:
- In order to establish an early understanding of the Health and Safety issues on a project, Foreman Roberts will facilitate a 'CDM workshop'. The format being an open forum brain-storming session, whereby the whole team methodically review each element of the project to determine how the design of one discipline may affect the design of another, and continue throughout the project with similar review workshops at Design Team meetings.