

CALLSAFE SERVICES LIMITED



OVER 25 YEARS PROVIDING
EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT HEALTH
AND SAFETY ADVICE AND
TRAINING TO THE CONSTRUCTION
INDUSTRY AND OTHERS



An orange hard hat is positioned in the upper right portion of the frame, resting on a white document. The document features the text "Health and Safety" in a bold, black, sans-serif font, arranged in two lines. The bottom left corner of the image shows a portion of a black keyboard. The background is dark, creating a high-contrast scene.

**Health and
Safety**

SERVICES PROVIDED

Callsafe Services Limited has been providing health and safety advice, assistance and training to our clients, and our clients' projects, since 1987. Our clients have included many central and local government organisations, as well as private industry clients, designers and contractors.

Consultancy

Our consultants consistently ensure effective communications on projects and within health and safety management systems, with the minimum amount of paperwork produced, continuously questioning why a document is required and whether it is any use in effective management.

Training

The training provided by Callsafe Services Limited includes a focus on effective communication and management, rather than just the production of documentation.

Training provided is made as appropriate and relevant to our trainees, incorporating client procedures and processes where possible.

Accredited training is also available. Callsafe Services Limited provides courses accredited by:

- Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (IOSH)
- Chartered Institute of Environmental Health (CIEH)
- Association for Project Safety (APS)
- Safety Pass Alliance (SPA)

CDM Co-ordinator (CDMC)

Callsafe Services Limited are a Registered CDM Co-ordinator Practice with the Association for Project Safety (APS), so can demonstrate our commitment to continuous improvement of our clients' and our projects' processes. Our consultants/trainers are all practicing health and safety professionals working within the construction industry, and have extensive experience as health and safety advisors/officer/managers for client, designer and contractor organisations.

If you need an organisation that understands the requirements of CDM, projects, other health and safety requirements, and how these requirements can be achieved in a cost-effective way, to act as your CDMC, provide health and safety advice and assistance and/or provide effective training; please contact Callsafe Services Limited to discuss your requirements.





ASSOCIATION FOR PROJECT SAFETY (APS) CDM2007 DESIGN RISK MANAGEMENT COURSE

The Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2007 (CDM2007) require a cultural change in the management of health and safety by the construction project team, but particular emphasis is placed on the requirements for competence of designers, design co-ordination and communication of design information.

The designer is a fundamental member of the project team and has a significant input throughout the lifecycle of the project, from feasibility design through to construction. CDM2007 makes specific demands on the designer to

consider health and safety risks associated with the construction, commissioning, use, maintenance, repair, testing, cleaning, de-commissioning and demolition of their designs and attempt to eliminate or reduce those risks by their design decisions.

The Association for Project Safety (APS) and Callsafe Services Limited (Callsafe) believe that the full benefit of CDM2007 can only be achieved by meeting the philosophy implied within CDM2007 that requires that Designers are proactive and fully integrated members of the project team.

This two-day course is designed to provide Designers and Design Risk Managers with the necessary knowledge and confidence in the performance of the task to ensure compliance with the designers' duties under CDM2007.

The course is highly interactive and includes presentations, notes, syndicated exercises, delegate discussions; and an examination to ensure learning outcomes.

An individual who successfully completes the accredited course in CDM2007 Design Risk Management

may claim 3 points (as detailed in the Qualifications and Experience table on the APS website) towards meeting Full Membership of APS.

An individual who meets the above criteria will also be exempt from sitting the Examination for admission to the APS Register of Designers for a period of three months from the date on which APS issues a certificate confirming successful completion of an accredited course.

This course is also recognised by RIBA as CPD for architects.

Intended For

This course is aimed at design team members and managers who wish to ensure effective design risk management and compliance with the CDM2007 designers' duties to a professional and benchmarked standard as set by APS. The course will also benefit other construction and health and safety professionals with an interest in the values and philosophies of risk reduction by design.

Entry Requirements

Delegates should have a basic understanding of CDM2007, associated construction related legislation and the ways in which construction projects are procured and managed.

The Tutors

The Callsafe tutors are widely experienced in the understanding and practical application of the regulations and are practicing CDM Co-ordinators. They also have extensive experience working for and on behalf of clients, designers, and principal contractors and contractors. All of the tutors are Registered CDM Co-ordinator Members or Fellows of the APS, RFaPS or RMaPS.

Course Objectives:

On completion of the course, delegates should:

- understand the designers' duties under the CDM regulations 2007;
- know how to effectively reduce risk by design; and

- be familiar and confident in the supply of information and production of evidence.

Course Content:

- Design Risk Management and Project Risk Management
- Construction Related Health and Safety Legislation
- Personal Safety & Professional Responsibility
- Role of the Designer in Construction
- Design Risk Management Services & Systems
- Advising the Client
- Demonstrating and Assessing Competence and Resources
- Hazard Identification and Working within the Team
- Contractor Related Issues and Design During Construction
- Designer Input into Information (PCI, CPP & HSF)
- Examination

Maximum number of course delegates: 16

Public Courses

This course is offered as a public course, for individuals to book and attend.

Course Cost: £600.00 per delegate, plus VAT (Discounts for multiple bookings)

Currently programmed public courses are:

- Thursday & Friday, 8 & 9 May 2014 (Midlands)

In-house Courses

This course is also offered as an in-house course, where an organisation can book the tutor for the 2 days and the course is presented within the organisation's own premises, This option can reduce the course cost and the travel/accommodation costs where the organisation has a number of their staff requiring this training.

A lump sum price can be provided for in-house courses.

Further details of this, and other, courses can be found at www.callsafe-services.co.uk, or by contacting Gemma Esprey at gemma.esprey@callsafe-services.co.uk or by phone on 01889 577701





NO CONSTRUCTION CLIENT SUPPORT!

Potential result of the proposed changes to the CDM Regulations

In a recent interview of Heather Bryant, the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) Head of Construction, by Louis Wustermann of Health and Safety at Work, <http://www.healthandsafetyatwork.com/hsw>, the following subjects were discussed:

- Health Bryant's vision of the future;
- The proposed changes to the Construction (Design and Management) Regulations;
- Fees for Intervention (FFI); and
- Increase enforcement of the Control of Substances Hazardous to Health (COSHH) Regulations on construction projects.

THE HEALTH+ SAFETY AT WORK INTERVIEW

The following is extracted from the above publication regarding the removal for the CDM Coordinator (CDMC); the question in blue and Heather Bryant's response in red:

Another substantial revision to CDM that has been trialed is the abandonment of the requirement for the client to appoint a CDM coordinator to oversee the flow of safety information between client, designer and contractors.

"There was a lot of feedback on the coordinator role when we did the review and it basically said there were some good coordinators and there were some where value was not being added in the way the role was anticipated to do. So there will still be a requirement to coordinate and there will still be a requirement to fulfil duties and responsibilities, but the need for a title CDM coordinator is no longer there."

"We are looking for a better understanding of the roles and responsibilities between the client, the principal contractor and the principal designer, so you can get that cooperation and coordination from the very planning stage of a project right the way through to completion, whereas the CDM coordinator landed in the middle of it."

Isn't there a danger that with no nominated individual responsible for safety coordination, it could fall between the dutyholders' stools?

"I don't think so. The discussions we've had with the industry suggest this is more than workable and addresses the concerns raised in the review of the Regs. Yes, some people will be rather nervous about it. The legal responsibilities will remain. We are committed with CDM to ensure that we don't lose value in terms of health and safety; that we drive standards forward and I think that we will do that.

"Many CDM coordinators, though they started off with that name, are actually already integrated into projects, so they are already

doing what we think CDM will drive others to do. We aren't starting from scratch."

Heather Bryant also indicated that 3 month consultation period is now likely to commence in February or March, and that this would mean a commencement date of April 2015 is likely.

Opinion

What does not seem to have been addressed is the likely loss of any specific duty holder to 'advise and assist the Client', which is currently a duty of the CDMC, as below:

Regulation 20 General duties of CDM coordinators

- (1) The CDM co-ordinator shall:
 - (a) give suitable and sufficient advice and assistance to the client on undertaking the measures he needs to take to comply with these Regulations during the project (including, in particular, assisting the client in complying with regulations 9 and 16);

Although it is possible that most of the other duties of the CDMC could be performed by the duty holder's revised title of 'Lead Designer' effectively, it is questionable as to whether advice and assistance can be provided to the Client by a Lead Designer without any potential conflict of interest.

Effective CDMCs are seen as the 'client's best friend', providing independent advice on competence,

pre-construction information, time, resources, the effectiveness of the management arrangements, reviewing the construction phase plan prior to advising the client of its sufficiency to commence construction and compiling a health and safety file that is appropriate to the Client's needs.

Who will provide the Client with independent advice and assistance?

Given that most individuals and organisations will act in their own self-interest, it is probable that any advice and assistance provided to the Client by the Lead Designer may be dictated by this self-interest, rather than what is needed by the Client.

It is also true on many projects that the designers do not fully understand the implications of their design decisions to the contractors performing construction or to the needs of the people using, cleaning, maintaining and repairing the structures/plant post-construction; which is currently continuously addressed by good CDMCs at present.

Clients, and many designers, appreciate the input of the CDMC to ensure that all of the health and safety implications of the design are properly considered; being an independent set of eyes and brain. We are in danger of losing this valuable function.

Heather Bryant has indicated in her interview that industry

has been consulted on the CDMC duties and that the conclusion has been reached that they are not needed. However, it appears that the industry parties consulted have been predominantly contractors, who generally do not like anybody questioning their arrangements, particularly on start-up on site, which is what the CDMC does when reviewing the construction phase plan.

Have the correct people been asked for their opinions?

It is very unclear as to how many client organisations have been invited to provide their opinions. This is likely to have been few, and they are also likely to be the larger client organisations, procuring construction on a continuous or continual basis. These Client organisations are likely to already have CDMCs employed within their organisations. The potential and actual one-off clients have not been asked their opinions, and it is difficult to see how this would be performed.

Unless there is something in the proposals for the revised Regulations that address the above issues, contrary to Health Bryant's opinion, there should be grave concerns for the effective management of health and safety on construction projects without a CDMC.





Are you sure that you understand the duties and requirements of CDM2007 and/or other health and safety requirements?

Have you amended your policies and procedures to reflect the current legislation and practice?

Are your employees competent to perform their duties?

Do you select competent organisations to work with you?

Do you manage your organisation and projects without copious amounts of paper?

If the answer to any of the above questions is no, you need to consider training and advice to achieve legal compliance and develop best practices.

Contact the experts

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