

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

New public course IOSH Managing Safely in Construction

3rd, 4th, 5th 18th and 19th June – Midlands.

Details on our website



Clients under pressure: CDM201X?

Following on from the proposed changes to the CDM Regulations from the HSE, David Carr, MD of Callsafe Services Ltd examines whether the client is more likely to be prosecuted under the new regime...

The gun has been fired, and we are now all in the race to see if we can get the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) to address the concerns of construction health and safety professionals regarding the proposed changes to the Construction (Design and Management) Regulations (CDM). The consultation period is to be for 10 weeks, commencing on 31 March 2014.

It would be pertinent to question the HSE as to why it took them 2 years to produce the consultative document, but they are only allowing the industry 10 weeks to understand their proposals and respond with reasonable concerns.

Only 10 weeks for the consultation process?

One of the most significant proposals for the new regulations is the replacement of the CDM Coordinator (CDMC) with the Principal Designer.

CDMCs currently have 2 fundamental elements to their duties:

- To advise and assist the client; and
- To ensure the design and the Designers are compliant.

It is proposed that the Principal Designer will perform the second of these duties, but has no duty to advise and assist the client in the performance of the



client's duties, except for the identification of Pre-Construction Information, that the client still will be required to provide.

The client is proposed to still have a duty to ensure the effective health and safety management of the project, as below:

Client duties for managing projects

5(1) A client must make arrangements for managing a project (including the allocation of sufficient time and other resources) that are suitable for persons with a duty under these Regulations to ensure that:

- (a) construction work is carried out so far as is reasonably practicable without risk to the health and safety of any person;*

and

5(3) A client must take reasonable steps to ensure that the arrangements referred to in paragraph (1) are maintained and reviewed throughout the project.

and

5(4) A client must ensure that:

- (a) the principal designer complies with the duties in regulation 9;*
- (b) the principal contractor complies with the duties in regulations 12 and 13;*
- (c) before the construction phase begins:*
 - (i) if there is more than one contractor, the principal contractor, or*

- (ii) if there is only one contractor, the contractor draws up a construction phase plan.*

This should be of major concern to clients, particularly those who are not experienced in construction, as they will still have the duties that they have under CDM2007, but without any legally designated advice and assistance.

Will anyone provide the client with independent advice and assistance?

Other client's duties are contained within the proposed regulations, but are not included here as they are considered to be generally reasonable for the client to perform without any specific advice and assistance, or are included in the duties of the proposed Principal Designer.

If a client organisation has its own in-house expertise on construction health and safety management and standards, they should have the necessary competence to perform the duties of a client without any external assistance, but this is not the case with the majority of construction clients. Some questions that could be relevant to any client considering the commissioning of a construction project and the performance of the client's duties without

professional advice and assistance; are as follows:

- Would the client understand whether the Designers and the Principal Designer are properly coordinating their designs to avoid design clashes and interface issues, particularly if a number of different design organisations are involved and possibly not contractually related?
- Does the client have the ability to question the Designers and the Principal Designer as to whether they have applied the 'General principles of prevention' in their designs? Are the designs incorporating current standards, materials, equipment and processes to eliminate and reduce risks by their design decisions, or have the decisions been based purely on previous projects, and therefore outdated knowledge?
- Will the client be knowledgeable in discussions with the Principal Designer on what should be provided as part of the Pre-Construction Information?
- Does the client have persons within their organisation who can assess the effectiveness of the management arrangements and systems of work to be employed by the Principal Contractor and Contractors?
- Would the client recognise an effective and efficient Construction Phase Plan? It is noted that the client is only required to make sure that there is a Construction Phase Plan prior to con-

struction commencement, but it should contain the health and safety management arrangements for the construction site.

- Will the client be willing and able to specify or review the proposals of the Principal Designer for the content, format, copies and delivery of the Health and Safety File?

If any of the above questions result in a negative response, the client should seriously consider engaging someone to assist them with the performance of the client's duties. This assistance is currently supplied by the CDMC.

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.

Will the project costs be reduced?

Within the consultative document, CD261, the HSE have stated that the costs to projects with an overall value in excess of £20K, will be reduced by an estimated £30M per annum by removing the CDMC. Is this a balanced view?

If the client is going to engage a construction health and safety advisor to assist

them with the client's duties there will be an obvious cost associated with this.

The HSE have stated that the cost reduction will be due to the Principal Designer performing the duties as part of their designers' duties; which I would dispute. It is necessary for designers to be paid for their efforts, so if they are to perform the duties of a Principal Designer they will need to be paid for this also. It is possible, or even likely, that the costs may increase as a result of the deletion of the CDMC's duties.

Will the client be more likely to be prosecuted?

Without professional advice and assistance in the performance of the client's duties it is probable that the number of client prosecutions will increase.

More importantly, there are grave concerns for the effective management of health and safety on construction projects, potentially causing more deaths, injuries and ill-health than would have happened without these changes.

The consultative document, CD261, Consultation on replacement of the Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2007, and the Online Questionnaire and the Reply Form, can be found at:

www.hse.gov.uk/consult/condocs/cd261.htm.

Please respond to this consultation, or we will definitely get what has been proposed!





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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