Summary of Roles & Duti	es of CDM 2015 (extract taken from L153, 'Managing Health & Safety in Construction')
CDM Dutyholders	Summary of Role/Main Duties
Who are they?	
Clients are organisations	Make suitable arrangements for managing a project. This includes making sure:
or individuals for whom a	Other dutyholders are appointed;
Construction project is carried	Sufficient time and resources are allocated.
out.	Make sure:
	The principal designer and principal contractor carry out their duties;
	Welfare facilities are provided.
	See paragraphs 23–52 of L153 'Managing Health & Safety in Construction' for more guidance
Domestic clients are people	Domestic clients are in scope of CDM 2015, but their duties as a client are normally transferred to:
who have construction work	The contractor, on a single contractor project; or;
carried out on their own home,	The principal contractor, on a project involving more than one contractor.
or the home of a family	However, the domestic client can choose to have a written agreement with the principal designer to
member that is not done as	carry out the client duties.
part of a business, whether for	See paragraphs 53.56 of L153 'Managing Health & Safety in Construction' for more guidance.
profit or not.	When property or prodifiting designs to eliminate reduce or control forescended visits that many
Designers are those, who as part of a business, prepare or	When preparing or modifying designs, to eliminate, reduce or control foreseeable risks that may arise during:
modify designs for a building,	
product or system relating to	Construction; and
construction work.	The maintenance and use of a building once it is built.
construction work.	Provide information to other members of the project team to help them fulfil their duties.
	See paragraphs 72–93 of L153 'Managing Health & Safety in Construction' for more guidance.
Principal designers are	Plan, manage, monitor and coordinate health and safety in the pre-construction phase of a project.
designers appointed by the	This includes:
client in projects involving	 Identifying, eliminating or controlling foreseeable risks;
more than one contractor.	Ensuring designers carry out their duties.
They can be an organisation or	Prepare and provide relevant information to other dutyholders.
an individual with sufficient	Provide relevant information to the principal contractor to help them plan, manage, monitor and
knowledge, experience and ability to carry out the role.	coordinate health and safety in the construction phase.
	See paragraphs 94–115 of L153 'Managing Health & Safety in Construction' for more guidance.
Principal contractors are	Plan, manage, monitor and coordinate health and safety in the construction phase of a project. This
contractors appointed by the	includes:
client to coordinate the	Liaising with the client and principal designer;
construction phase of a project	Preparing the construction phase plan;
where it involves more than	 Organising cooperation between contractors and coordinating their work.
one contractor.	Ensure:
	Suitable site inductions are provided;
	Reasonable steps are taken to prevent
	Unauthorised access;
	Workers are consulted and engaged in securing their health and safety; and
	Welfare facilities are provided.
	See paragraphs 110–146 of L153 'Managing Health & Safety in Construction' for more guidance.
Contractors are those who do	Plan, manage and monitor construction work under their control so that it is carried out without
the actual construction work	risks to health and safety.
and can be either an individual	For projects involving more than one contractor, coordinate their activities with others in the project
or a company.	team – in particular, comply with directions given to them by the principal designer or principal
	contractor.
	For single-contractor projects, prepare a construction phase plan.
	See paragraphs 147–179 of L153 'Managing Health & Safety in Construction' for more guidance.
Workers are the people who	They must:
work for or under the control	Be consulted about matters which affect their health, safety and welfare;
of contractors on a	Take care of their own health and safety and others who may be affected by their actions;
construction site.	Report anything they see which is likely to endanger either their own or others' health and
	safety;



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Cooperate with their employer, fellow workers, contractors and other dutyholders.



