



Design Risk Management (DRM) Toolkit under the CDM 2015 Regulations

Guidance notes general

The Design Risk Management (DRM) Toolkit has been developed by a team of construction professionals to assist principal designers to plan, manage and monitor the project-specific risks, irrespective of the scale or complexity of the scheme, in a format that will consistently inform other members of the team- clients, designers and contractors- of how significant risks have been addressed.

Users should be familiar with the principles underpinning their legal duties and those of other duty holders, depending of the nature of project.

The toolkit comprises a suite of generic templates, which can be used individually or together, during the pre-construction phase and include: -

- DRM 1 – the CDM Strategy Brief- to establish the outline management CDM Arrangements
- DRM 2 – the Survey Tracker- to establish the extent and availability of the surveys required
- DRM 3 – the schedule of significant CDM issues at initial design stages
- DRM 4 - the analysis and options matrix for illustration of specific risk issues
- DRM 5 – the health & safety file- for progressive development throughout the project

Each template is designed as a structured starting point for principal designers and other key stakeholders to develop a project-specific plan, progressively identifying and evaluating key risk areas, enabling proportionate actions to be initiated and demonstrated at the appropriate stages of the project.

Resources:

- Link to CDM Regulations 2015: <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2015/51/contents/made>
- Link to HSE L153 Guidance on Regulations: <https://www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/books/l153.htm>
- Link to KPWC document [CDM 2015 - an inter-institutional report 'From Compliance to Consultation & Collaboration'](#)
- Link to KPWC document [CDM 20-20 vision – changing the culture.](#)