

# Welcome to the SID Design Guides: accessible, informative, plain-speaking.

## Here to help you.

Meeting your duties under the Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2015 (CDM 2015) can be a daunting task. But, thanks to SID's Design Guides, you have access to clear guidance about a range of topics.

### **Background**

When CDM 2007 was introduced, designers contacted the Health and Safety Executive to ask for advice about how to comply with its provisions. They wanted information that came from an authoritative source in the construction industry, was brief and user-friendly, and provided suggestions for design actions.

The SID Design Guides respond to these demands. They have been written by a group of people from the following organisations:

- **Association of Project Safety (APS)**
- **Chartered Institute of Building (CIOB)**
- **Health and Safety Executive (HSE)**
- **Institution of Civil Engineers (ICE)**
- **Institution of Structural Engineers (IStructE)**
- **Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA)**
- **Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS)**

Each author was responsible for health and safety within their organisation. They were able to consult their members from the design and construction industry, tapping into the highest levels of expertise. And they disseminated that expertise in the accessible, plain-speaking fashion you see in each Guide.

So these Design Guides are trustworthy. That is because they draw on extensive experience of applying the CDM Regulations at the design stage, and are regularly updated in response to changing practices.

They are also pithy – giving the information you need, in a concise manner. That means you can get on with designing your project, confident that you have the information needed to help you administer your CDM duties.

### **Status**

The SID Design Guides are here to help you, by challenging your thinking, suggesting solutions to your problems, and linking you to sources of further information.

They have not been written to extend your CDM duties. Design is a complex and demanding activity, requiring you to balance a number of conflicting interests and bring your clients' dreams to life in a way that is practicable and cost-effective.

Designers are required by UK law to consider aspects of health and safety at every stage of a structure's life. Get it wrong, and you can be individually prosecuted, with the possibility of a fine or imprisonment.

Safety in Design is here to help you discharge your duties and protect yourself. The Design Guides will support you as you respond to CDM 2015 and develop projects that are creative, visionary and safe.



Life outside the tick box.

### ***Using the Design Guides***

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### ***Acknowledgements***

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### ***Getting in touch***

If you would like to be involved in developing or reviewing the SID Design Guides, or want to comment on a particular guide, please get in touch. We'll be pleased to hear from you.

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