

Q. What are the Principal Contractors/Contractors responsibilities/duties under CDM 2007?

A. Principal Contractors Responsibilities

Principal contractors have to ensure that:

- Clients are aware of their duties;
- Health and safety is effectively managed throughout the construction phase;
- Liaise with all CDM duty holders;
- **Co-operation** between contractors on site is adequate;
- Reasonable steps are taken to keep unauthorised persons off the site;
- All persons carrying out construction work **can discuss and offer advice** on health and safety;
- There are arrangements for the co-ordination of the views of employees of their representatives;
- Contractors provide **information and training** for their employees;
- The health and safety plan contains the necessary features;
- Directions are given to contractors including safety rules in the health and safety plan.
- Contractors comply with the health and safety rules.

Contractors must:

- **Co-operate** with the Principal Contractor;
- Provide the Principal Contractor with information, including risk assessments, and information on accidents reportable under RIDDOR;
- Comply with the Principal Contractor's directions and written health and safety rules.