



DUTYHOLDER INFORMATION – CDM 2015 AND BUILDING SAFETY ACT (HRB)

This page summarises dutyholder roles under the Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2015 (**CDM 2015**) and customer awareness under the Building Safety Act higher-risk building (**HRB**) regime. Hilti (Gt. Britain) Limited participates as a Designer; we are not appointed as Principal Designer (**PD**) or Principal Contractor (**PC**) and do not act as a contractor.

CDM 2015 – DUTYHOLDER RESPONSIBILITIES

Under CDM 2015, defined dutyholders plan, manage and coordinate health and safety across a project. As a Designer, Hilti (Gt. Britain) Limited uses Pre-Construction Information (**PCI**) to eliminate or reduce foreseeable risks in our design and provides residual-risk/maintenance information to the PD/Client for inclusion in the Health & Safety (H&S) File.

1. Commercial Client Duties

Commercial clients must make suitable arrangements for managing the project, appoint dutyholders, allocate sufficient time and resources, ensure relevant information is provided, confirm PD and PC carry out their duties, and ensure welfare facilities are available.

2. Domestic Client Duties

Domestic client duties are normally transferred to the contractor or Principal Contractor unless a written agreement assigns duties to the Principal Designer.

3. Designer Duties (including Hilti (Gt. Britain) Limited)

Designers must eliminate or reduce/control foreseeable risks arising from construction, maintenance and use, take account of PCI, and provide necessary information to other dutyholders. In addition, a Designer must not start design work unless satisfied the Client is aware of their duties (CDM 2015 Reg. 9). Residual-risk/maintenance information should be passed to the PD/Client for the H&S File.

4. Principal Designer Duties

Principal Designers must plan, manage, monitor and coordinate health and safety during pre-construction; identify and control risks; ensure designers comply; provide relevant information; liaise with the Principal Contractor.

5. Contractor Duties

Contractors must plan, manage and monitor construction work; comply with PD/PC directions; prepare a Construction Phase Plan for single-contractor projects.

6. Principal Contractor Duties

Principal Contractors must plan, manage, monitor and coordinate the construction phase; liaise with Client and PD; prepare the Construction Phase Plan; organise cooperation, inductions and welfare; consult workers and prevent unauthorised access.

7. Hilti Customer Requirements

What we ask customers to confirm when requesting Hilti (Gt. Britain) Limited services where CDM 2015 applies (including but not limited to design services and engineering judgements):

- Your organisation's CDM role (Client / Principal Designer / Principal Contractor / Contractor / Designer).
- That the Client has been made aware of their CDM duties (CDM 2015 Reg. 9 awareness).
- That relevant PCI is available or will be provided; residual-risk/maintenance information from Hilti (Gt. Britain) Limited's design will be routed to the PD/Client for the H&S File.

Official HSE Guidance:

[HSE – Designers' roles and responsibilities \(CDM 2015\)](#)

[Summary of Duties under CDM 2015 \(HSE\)](#)

BUILDING SAFETY ACT – HIGHER-RISK BUILDINGS (HRB)

If your project is a Higher-Risk Building (HRB), additional rules apply that are overseen by the Building Safety Regulator (BSR). Typically, the Client is responsible for BSR building-control approvals/gateways for HRBs before construction can begin. In occupation, duties sit with the Accountable Person(s). Hilti's role remains that of Designer unless separately appointed to another dutyholder role.

- Is my project an HRB? See the government's HRB criteria and definitions (note: definitions vary by phase – design/construction vs occupation):

[GOV.UK – HRB criteria guidance](#)

- Building control approval for HRBs must be obtained from the BSR before work begins; failing to obtain approval beforehand may constitute an offence. See BSR guidance and updates:

[BSR – Building safety guidance & resources](#)

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