

Construction Phase Plan



What is it?

Replacing pre-tender and construction phase health and safety plans, the new Construction Phase Plan (CPP) is a legal document dealing with the management of health and safety on certain construction projects.

Why do you need it?

To comply with the law, avoid prosecution and effectively plan and manage health and safety to prevent accidents during larger construction projects.

Who is it for?

Principal Contractors, i.e. the effective project and site controller.

When do you need it?

If you are intending to carry out a project which is 'Notifiable' to the HSE under the Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2007.

A project is Notifiable (i.e. must be notified to the HSE before work can start) if the works are either:

1. expected to take longer than thirty working days to complete; or
2. involve more than five hundred person hours to complete...

... and are for a 'Client' as defined by the Regulations. For this purpose, this definition means a person or organisation who, in the furtherance of a business, has construction work carry out by another or by himself. So, any commercial work is for a Client under the law as well as for a residential property developer but not for your average home owner.

What does it contain?

The contents of a Construction Phase Plan must meet minimum legal standards to achieve its purpose. Some of these are as simple as accident reporting on site and welfare arrangements. Others are more complex and vary from site to site, project to project, such as coordination of deliveries and adequate continual first aid and fire safety cover.