



# Help and Advice

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## **Bulletin 54: CONSTRUCTION (DESIGN & MANAGEMENT) REGULATIONS 2015**

The Help & Advice Group was set up by Synod in 2009, to support local churches in being informed and effective in their life and mission. The group was disbanded in 2014, as part of a simplification of Synod committees, and its work continues through the Trust Officer, under the oversight of the Trust. We are willing to try to provide specific advice on particular topics. Please get in touch if you have questions or suggestions.

This article is part of a series giving an overview of particular subjects on interest for local churches. We also circulate general updates from time to time. Bulletins will also be posted on the members' area of the website with direct links to other websites.

Where readers are directed to web-based resources, the Synod Office is willing to respond to reasonable requests for printed out information for readers without web access, although they may find it more satisfactory to follow up their interest through their local library's web access.

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### **The Construction (Design & Management) Regulations 2015**

These replace the 2007 CDM Regulations, and apply to any construction (or major repair) project that involves more than one contractor.

In brief, the church as client has a legal responsibility for health & safety on site and must appoint a competent "principal designer" (such as an architect or surveyor) to manage these issues during the pre-construction phase of a building project, and a competent "principal contractor" to do so during the works.

Major projects (lasting longer than 30 working days with more than 20 workers on site at the same time) must be notified to the Health & Safety Executive.

The National Churches Trust and the Historic Religious Buildings Alliance have issued guidance at:

[www.nationalchurchestrust.org/sites/default/files/resources/2015%20NCT%20%26%20HRBA%20CDM%20Regulations\\_0.pdf](http://www.nationalchurchestrust.org/sites/default/files/resources/2015%20NCT%20%26%20HRBA%20CDM%20Regulations_0.pdf)

The guidance also wisely advises you to talk to your insurers, and keep everyone updated on progress.

Works which may substantially alter the character, appearance or value of the building will of course also require Synod approval.

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