

1.5 The Architectural Designer's Viewpoint (DIOHAS)

What is a Significant Risk Management as opposed to a Trivial Risk Management?

Lack of **understanding by CDM Advisors** and others about **what “Designers”** really **need to know** about Health & Safety. i.e. **As against what can reasonably be addressed by the competent principal and trade contractors.**

Expectations of CDM Advisors and others of **Designers' Health & Safety knowledge** is often **excessive e.g. Engineers, Architects, Interior designers etc. all have different requirements and levels of knowledge.**

Designers **can only consider so much** with regard to Health & Safety but how much?

Significant, project specific, unusual issues only and not everything.

Written Design Risk assessments have proven to be a tedious waste of time **adding no value.**

They have even caused **“Designer disenchantment”** with CDM.

Designers have to deal with CDM documentation within the myriad of other design considerations but often **too much unnecessary bureaucracy** is still expected **by CDM Advisors and others causing a further Design Stage Disconnect within the industry.**

Architectural designer competence defined by HSE as sufficient skills, knowledge and experience and provided by the RIBA.

Project **pre-qualification** H&S paperwork is often **unnecessarily excessive. A sample PAS 91 process has been recommended by the HSE.**