

# 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.