Choosing a Principal Designer

Building Regulations duties in England: competence for the actual project.

Build Supply | SulfRock | Intelligent Panel Systems | HomePod

1 Two distinct roles

The Building Regulations Principal Designer coordinates design compliance. The CDM Principal Designer manages design-stage health and safety risks.

2 Appoint for the work

Where required, the client appoints a designer with control of the design work. A professional title alone is insufficient.

3 Individual competence

Assess relevant skills, knowledge, experience and behaviours against the complexity and risks of the project.

4 Organisation capability

Check resources, supervision, management arrangements and the ability to coordinate the design team.

5 One organisation, both roles

This is possible if competent for both. The client must confirm the combined appointment in writing.

6 Higher-risk projects

Apply the additional higher-risk-building procedures and evidence requirements. Keep the appointment and competence assessment documented.

Select on demonstrated competence, clear responsibilities and control of the design.

REFERENCE GUIDANCE

GOV.UK: design and building duties

Use current product instructions and the approved project design. For regulations, confirm the UK nation, applicable edition and transitional arrangements.

Help us keep our information accurate.

If you notice an error, outdated information or something that needs clarification in this document, please let us know.
Report an Issue: Visit our website and select Report a Website or Document Issue.
sulfrock.uk