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234. CDM Regulations

The Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 1994 are mentioned in paragraph 41 of *Fairgrounds and amusement parks: Guidance on safe practice* (HSG 175), with a simple statement that they may apply to the construction or dismantling of a permanent device.

Amusement rides would normally fit the definition of a “structure” to which the Regulations may apply, but some additional key restrictions limit application to only some large devices on permanent sites. The restrictions are :-

- apart from demolition, construction work lasting less than 30 days is exempt;
- as is work which lasts less than a total of 500 man hours; and
- many of the Regulations don't apply if the largest number of persons at work at any one time carrying out construction work included in the project is less than 5.

Where a project will fall within the full Regulations, the client is required to do several things including appointing a Planning Supervisor and a Principal Contractor. There was a minor amendment to the Regulations in 2000, to tidy up the definition of a designer.

If you wish to find out more, there is a new Approved Code of Practice, which was published on 30 November 2001. It comes into effect on the 1 February 2002. It is entitled *Managing health and safety in construction - Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 1994 - Approved Code of Practice and Guidance* (ISBN 0717621391) and costs £9.50. It is designated HSG224 and may be purchased from HSE Books, PO Box 1999, SUDBURY, CO10 2WA (Tel: +44 1787 881165).

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