

## SECTION THREE

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This manual has been compiled within the framework of the Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 1995, which place specific duties on Clients, Designers and Contractors to co-ordinate and manage effectively the health and safety of workers and others throughout all stages of a construction project from conception, design and planning through to the execution of works on site and subsequent maintenance and repair.

It is intended that this manual forms part of the general Health and Safety file, the purpose of which is to alert those responsible for the structure, after handover, to the health and safety risks that must be managed when the structure and associated plant is maintained, repaired, renovated or demolished.

Health and safety issues are important in maintenance because statistics show the maintenance worker to be at greater risk to accident and injury. This is partly because these workers are exposed to more hazards than others, and partly because there are pressures of time and money upon the maintenance task to be completed as quickly as possible. Less thought is given to the special needs for health and safety of the maintenance task than is given to routine tasks which are easier to identify, plan and control.