

Being an Intelligent Client

a guide to successful commissioning and managing of land and engineering surveys



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- a simple guide for managers, engineers, architects, surveyors and all who commission or manage survey projects, or needs to discover more about survey techniques and technologies

The concept of risk is well understood in relation to health & safety. But with surveying, people tend to focus on accuracy and precision.

Nevertheless, there *are* technical and commercial hazards in surveying and they come with expensive risks for clients.

The consequences of a survey 'accident' can be significant. Projects can be delayed. Cost implications can be substantial. Sometimes they can be catastrophic and render a project unfit for purpose – like an Olympic-sized swimming pool built too short.

This guide is intended to help those who commission and manage surveys to recognise the hazards and manage the associated risks.

In two parts, Part 1 deals with **Managing Survey Projects** and includes 20 key topics in preparing contracts and specifications as well as managing the work once a survey firm has been appointed. This is essential reading for professionals working in the built environment who appoint or manage survey companies.

Part 2 sets out the **Principles of Surveying** and covers over 30 topics, which may help reveal the hazards that can lurk in surveying processes. Engineers, architects, other professional disciplines as well as older surveyors in need of a reference point or a refresher course, will find this a reliable reference point.

The Guide is therefore intended as an essential reference source. It can also be an ideal source book on surveying for academic courses. Younger readers will find all of the essential techniques presented together with current technology and its applications.

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