

“ We’re heading into peak painting season very soon, so now’s the time to make sure you have your **Health and Safety system** sorted, to see you and your workers safely through the busy months and into the summer holidays. And as the weather warms and the worklist lengthens, having an efficient **Health and Safety system** will save you time, stress, energy and help keep you and the team working at full steam... ”



Health and safety made easy

Why is it that so many contractors dislike dealing with **Health and Safety**? For many, it could be that they see it as being too hard to set up and too time-consuming to follow... but it doesn't have to be that way.

Basic workplace requirements for a **Health & Safety system** can be broken down into the following six sections:

1. Identify/manage hazards
2. Notify Department of Labour of notifiable hazards
3. Train and inform staff
4. Induct everyone on site
5. Have emergency procedures
6. Report and investigate accidents

Any of these sections can be as complicated or as simple as you wish. For example, you can create a whole set of checklists and forms, required to be filled in every day, reviewed weekly or monthly, and stored indefinitely. But if paperwork isn't your forte you might want to consider something simpler – especially if you are on site all day, every day, and you might get to the office once a week, if you are lucky!

A simpler system will satisfy the Department of Labour requirements just as well. Of course, there must be a current **Plan and Policy**, and some basic routines in place, along with some 'tools' for training and informing. But the point is, none of it has to be complicated. In fact, you can incorporate much of a basic **Health and Safety system** into things you are doing already anyway! For example, much of **Health and Safety** involves accurate record keeping, and for a lot of contractors this might appear tedious and time consuming. But the fact is, you probably carry a diary already, to log details of client requests, plan changes, work done etc. That same diary can contain most of the records you are going to need to maintain a basic, on site **Health**

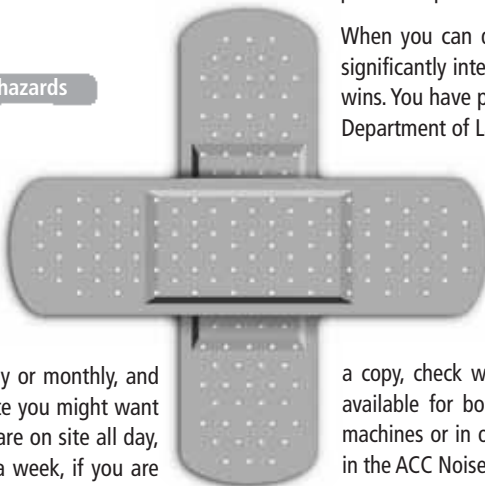
and **Safety system**. And those records will simply be in the form of a few words, dates, times, names and phone numbers. Simple!

Being aware of, and following, safe work practices is important to everyone, and most people recognise that it also makes good business sense to protect yourself and your workers. But it is equally important to have a system or process in place to fulfil your legal requirements as well.

When you can do this in a simple, uncomplicated way, that doesn't significantly interfere with daily, productive work flow, then everybody wins. You have peace of mind, your employees feel 'cared for', and the Department of Labour can see your system in action!

Check out www.hazardco.com to see how a simple **Health and Safety system** works.

And with safety in mind, Resene has sourced copies of a DVD produced by ACC that offers excellent advice on Respiratory protection – preventing occupational respiratory illness. If you'd like to view a copy, check with your local Resene ColorShop as they have copies available for borrowing. If you are doing a lot of work with spray machines or in other noisy environments, you might also be interested in the ACC Noise induced hearing loss DVD, available from ACC.



Revised painting of buildings preparation Standard published

Standards Australia/NZ have published a revised Standard, **Guide to the painting of buildings, AS/NZS 2311:2009**, to update and replace the 2002 version.

The Standard helps those with an interest in building design and maintenance – such as tradespeople, architects, builders, or building owners – in the preparation of painting specifications for inclusion in contracts.



One to walk all over

The new **Resene Decks, Driveways and Recreational Areas colour chart** is out and about, with all your favourite **Resene Non-Skid Deck & Path** colours plus a fresh selection of **Resene Waterborne Sidewalk** colours. With the addition of **Resene Waterborne Sidewalk white**, a wide range of popular Resene grays are now available, plus well over 1,000 other colours from standard Resene colour charts.

Painting the town green

Sustainable decorating is more than just choosing an **Environmental Choice approved paint**. It is also making sure that it is applied in an environmentally responsible manner following sustainable principles.

Resene has for many years actively improved the sustainability of our products and systems and to help you choose a sustainable painting contractor with confidence, we've developed the **Resene Eco.Decorator programme**.

The **Resene Eco.Decorator programme** has been designed to recognise a nationwide network of environmentally responsible, quality focused painting contractors. Painting contractors can choose to undergo assessment for the **Resene Eco.Decorator programme**, which includes assessments of principles in practice, sustainable work practices, waste management, project plans and project sign off processes.

Contractors who successfully meet these standards can promote themselves as an authentic **Resene Eco.Decorator**. Now you can choose the services of an **Eco.Decorator** to complete your decorating projects with the confidence that the contractor is committed to sustainable principles in their work processes.

For more information on the **Eco.Decorator programme**, contact your Resene representative. Currently available in NZ only.

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Your name in lights

Now no-one likes to be a skite, but sometimes you've just got to put yourself out there to get the fame and fortune you deserve.

If you think you've done a pretty good job using Resene on a major project recently, now's your chance to let us know so we can put it into a future Resene News and/or onto the Resene website in the Products in Action section... free!

You don't have to be a journalist or a photographer – simply take a few pics on your regular camera, jot down the job details onto the **Resene News Submission Form** and give it to your rep or post it into us at **Resene Marketing, PO Box 38242, Wellington Mail**



Centre, New Zealand. Give your Resene rep or ColorShop staff a nudge if you need a **Submission Form** and if they don't have one handy they can get one in for you.

If you're extra keen just email us at update@resene.co.nz with the subject line '**Resene News submission form please**' and we'll email you back a copy.

If you want to check out the projects that are already online go to www.resene.co.nz/archspec/products/index.htm and if you like you can download and complete the submission form that you'll also find there.

Stories from Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific Islands – or further afield – are welcome.

Arguing about decorating

According to a survey on a UK website last year, married couples have a staggering 182 arguments a year! Each dispute lasts for a painful 25 minutes with a further 30 minutes spent sulking afterwards. But the rows are unlikely to be marriage breaking. The top 20 reasons for an argument were:

- Domestic chores
- Not listening to each other
- Lack of intimacy
- Lack of money
- What to watch on TV/use of the remote control
- The children/parenting
- Nagging
- The mother in law
- Driving the car/map reading
- What's for dinner
- Time spent at work
- Being ignored
- Time spent on the computer
- Leaving clothes lying around
- Spending too much money
- Who does the most:
- Snoring
- Passing wind
- Decorating !!!!
- Wasting food



Source: www.24dash.com

Check, check then paint

Andrew Seal of Seal Decorating reminds us why you should double check before you start painting...

Some years ago my partner and I arrived at our latest job – a large new house in a subdivision, one of many we had painted in the area. The door was open as arranged and over the next few days we ripped into it – undercoat all joinery, remove doors and hardware, mask up windows etc in preparation for spraying. We put a nice coat of **Resene Broadwall** throughout with a brand new 15thou tip – perfection – then sanded this back and vacuumed etc. We were just priming up the Graco with the first topcoat of **Decorator Ultra Low Sheen** ('Pearl Lusta' back then!) when the owner walked in and asked what we were doing there. We had the wrong address, his painters were due shortly, and our job was next door!! Needless to say we were gutted, but went off next door to start all over again. The owner was very happy with the job and kindly reimbursed us for the paint – but not the labour!!!

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That's all for now –
catch you next month!

TwoCan, Editor.

