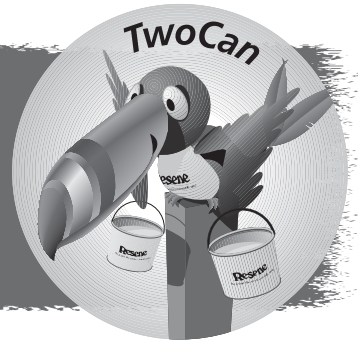


“ It’s Safety Week this month, which means it’s a good time to step back and take stock and make sure you’re doing things the best way possible at work and home to reduce the risk of injury. And with summer looming, make sure you are keeping you and your crew sun safe. We’re rolling out the free suntan lotion again to help keep you protected... ”



Red hot!

Don’t forget that when the sun gets hot, cover up exposed skin and slap on some sunscreen. Your local Resene ColorShop has pots of handy suntan lotion to give away - just ask for your pot while stocks last. Resene also has a range of clothing from caps to t-shirts etc to keep you covered this summer. Check out the trade display at selected stores.



And once you’ve covered yourself, grab some **Resene Hot Weather Additive** for any waterborne products you are planning to apply. It will slow down the drying of the paint giving you a longer wet edge to get just the right finish.



Fight the five

No-one wants to spend summer flat on their back after a nasty fall. ACC have identified that there are five things that cause many of the falls, so the aim is to focus on reducing the risk of those to keep everyone safer.



Fight the five and save yourself a fall... and don’t work with animals and children!

Here’s the top five list:

1. Moss/mould

Outside steps, paths and decks are slippery.

Safety tips - Waterblast where appropriate, scrub affected areas, use moss/mould removers such as **Resene Moss & Mould Killer**, cut trees and shrubs back to prevent shading over paths, steps, etc, highlight step edges with painted white strips (**Resene Non-Skid Deck & Path** is ideal for this), when building use a non-skid paint finish for deck paint, like **Resene Non-Skid Deck & Path** or add a grit-additive like **Resene SRG Grit**.

2. Chairs/tables

Chairs and tables are unstable things to stand on to reach high objects.

Safety tips - Use a stepladder or ladder to reach high objects, keep heavy or regularly used objects in low cupboards, install 10 year life smoke alarms, use long-life light bulbs, which are energy efficient and don’t need to be changed so often. Use the right ladder for the job and don’t overstretch!

3. Power cords

Snaking power cords and general clutter can be tripping hazards.

Safety tips - Secure power cords to wall, use multi-plug devices, install computer cords which release if tripped over, tidy away shoes, bags and toys. Be careful of any cords leading to and from gear like spray equipment. Keep your paint gear in one place out of the general walking flow of the project to avoid it being tripped over. >>



4. Puddles

Water or any sort of liquid on the floor makes the surface slippery.

Safety tips - Wipe up spills as soon as they happen, use non-slip mats and flooring in wet areas, install handrails. If you spill paint clean it up quickly. Even if you are the only painter on the job it's amazing how often you'll end up stepping in any small paint puddles that are around. Also watch where you leave your paint tray and pot - there are numerous stories of painters (and pets!) stepping into them and causing more havoc! Never step on wet paint, especially when it's on a sloped area like a roof. Wet paint is extremely slippery - imagine a water slide but worse! Keep some spare rags etc handy to clean up any spills. When leaving your paint pot and tray unattended, move them off the floor so they can't be walked into.

Colourful winners

The winners of the **Resene Total Colour Awards 2012** have been announced. Congratulations to all winners and their builders and painters who made their colour choices look good on the wall. After all you can pick a great colour scheme, but first you need a building to do it and then the paint needs to be applied well so that it looks great. The painters and builders who were part of the winning projects are:

- Aspec Construction Ltd
- Competitive Painters
- Complete Construction Ltd
- DC Weld
- Deco NZ
- Dempsey Wood
- Derek Jones Painting Contractors
- Designcraft
- DR (Jack) Gray Ltd
- Elite Shopfitting
- Erno Najos
- GMR Holmac
- GSL
- Hawkins Construction Ltd
- Heb Construction
- HRS Construction
- James Mackay Builders Ltd
- JMA Decorators
- Lifebuilt
- Maintain It
- Maycroft Construction Ltd
- Moir Park Developments Ltd
- MRC Contracting – Martin Coutts
- North-South Painters & Decorators
- Peter Shaw P.D.S Builders
- Ronanye Construction
- Shears & Mac
- SignRight
- SteelCo
- Street & Cook Construction Ltd
- TBS Fleming
- Total Bridge Services
- Waikato Decorators
- Wayne Simpson Painting Contractor

5. Rugs/mats

Unsecured rugs and slippery flooring in living areas and on stairs can cause falls. Of course this can equally apply to dropcloths. It's very easy to trip over the edge of a dropcloth if you're not watching what you're doing - and let's be fair, by the end of a long day painting worrying about the dropcloth is probably the last thing you are thinking about.

Safety tips - Where you can, tape the dropcloth edges down to prevent the risk of slipping. Try and smooth out the surface of the dropcloth as much as possible to reduce ridges that might trip you or someone else up later.



This list includes all painters and builders credited by each of the award winners. There are no doubt many other contractors that were part of the team on these projects so congratulations to you too. We all know it takes a real team effort for projects to succeed.

Well done to all those who worked on the **Clark Street Overbridge** (pictured left top), designed by Architectus (building contractor Dempsey Wood, painting contractor: DC Weld), who took out the top honours. The **WCC Regent Park Development** (pictured above right) by Designgroup Stapleton Elliott (building contractor Hawkins Construction, painting contractor JMA Decorators) won the Resene Total Colour Nightingale Colour Maestro Award.

Entries for the 2013 competition will open in early 2013. A selection of entries for this year's competition can be viewed free online at www.resene.com/colourawards.



Colour awards

Get a grip

Resene Non-Skid Deck & Path is one of those products that has lots of handy uses around about a home or office – it's ideal for stair edges to make them more visible and reduce the chance of slipping. It's also ideal on high traffic areas that get wet to make them safer, around swimming pools and more. **Resene Non-Skid Deck & Path** is a textured waterborne finish, designed to provide a comfortable walking surface for all interior and exterior situations where a non-skid finish is desired. Available in a desirable low sheen finish, **Resene Non Skid Deck & Path** may be tinted to complement existing décor, both inside and out. The finish has a comfortable grit texture to give feet and shoes something to grip onto, reducing the risk of accident no matter what the weather.



Combinations of contrasting colours may be used to create decorative effects in courtyards and pathed areas, either as part of a new landscaping plan or to rejuvenate weathered surfaces. White or light colours are perfect for stair and path edges to highlight the edge and reduce the likelihood of accident.

Resene Non-Skid Deck & Path has been slip resistance tested with a result of 0.74-0.78, which means it meets slip resistance requirements for slopes up to 34 degrees. An extremely tough finish, **Resene Non-Skid Deck & Path** is ideal for residential, commercial or industrial light wear applications.



Resene decks, paths, driveways and recreational areas chart

If you're working on a project where there are elderly residents, families with small children or schools, who tend to suffer a lot of falls from slipping and tripping, it's a great product to recommend on decks, paths and high traffic areas. The small extra cost to paint these high traffic areas is nothing compared to the financial, emotional and time costs if someone has an accident.

See the colour range on the **Resene Decks, paths, driveways and recreational areas chart** at your local Resene ColorShop or Reseller, or see the **Resene Data Sheet D313** on the Resene website.



Non-Skid Deck and Path data sheet



Happy decorating!
Catch ya next month!

TwoCan, Editor.

