

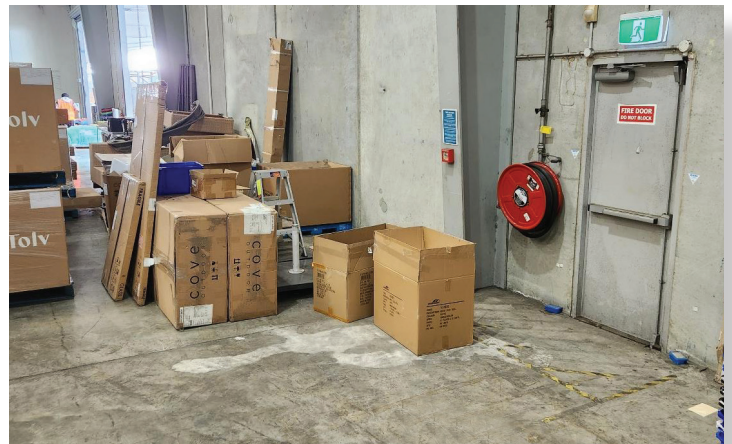


TRU-GARD™ MAKING WORKPLACES SAFER – WINTER 2023

What a year 2023 is turning out to be! Despite global economic difficulties and all kinds of challenges in the business world, it's wonderful to see companies prioritising workplace traffic safety in their budgets this year. By choosing Tru-Gard™, our clients can rest assured that their staff and assets are being well protected, while they concentrate on the business at hand. It's one less worry in an environment where there's so much else to think about just now. The peace of mind gained from installing reliable safety precautions cannot be understated. Check out our Winter Update!

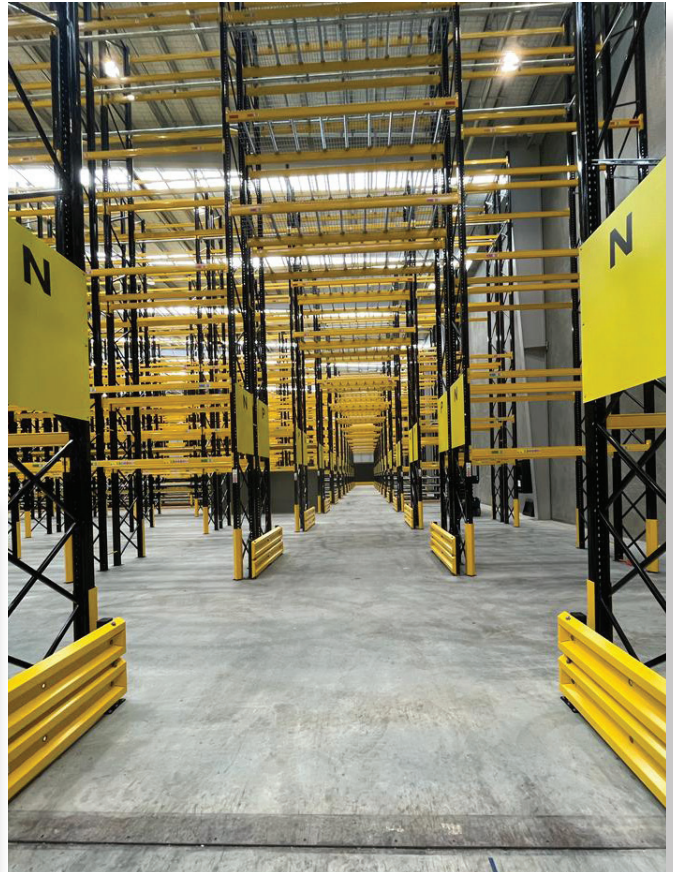
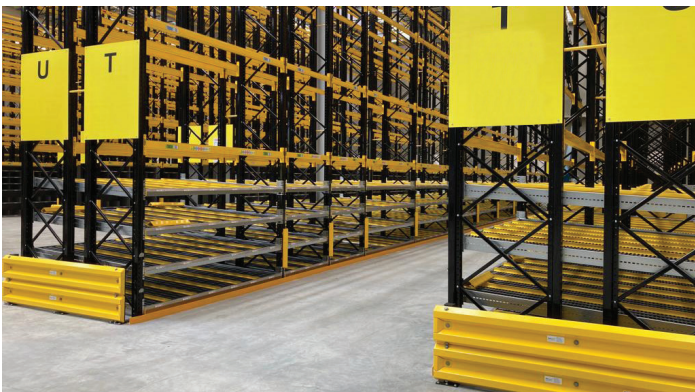
Before-and-after images show the benefits of installing Tru-Gard™ safety systems

Tru-Gard™ Safety Barrier was recently installed in this warehouse to guide workers through pallets and stacked products in an area heavily traversed by forklifts. The placement of items was haphazard without any designated walkways for pedestrians, so it was difficult to navigate a path through the chaos. The area is now well-organized, with clear walkways marked out by barriers. It's far easier to move from one section to another and workers don't have to worry about forklifts speeding past them. The before-and-after pictures show just how much Tru-Gard™ barriers have transformed the space, creating a safety zone for staff and making it simpler to differentiate where they should be walking. The new system prevents people from accidentally wandering into traffic and putting themselves at risk. Safety barriers in busy work areas like this are becoming increasingly important as accidents and injuries from forklift-related incidents continue to rise. These pictures show how easy it is to safeguard people against accidents in the workplace with [Tru-Gard™ Barrier Systems](#).



Riddle me this... when is Safety Yellow not Tru-Gard™ Yellow?

Answer: when our customers require a tweak to the recipe, making the standard safety yellow match their own corporate shade. That was the case in this vast new Stanley Black & Decker warehouse in Auckland. The well-known brand is famous for their black and yellow colour scheme, which was included in their recent fit-out, right down to the protective safety barrier. While it looks like Tru-Gard™ yellow from a distance, a subtle difference in the powder-coat hue makes it fit more perfectly with the rest of the surrounds. If you want to match your corporate colours, no problem, get in touch and chat!



Creativity with existing infrastructure grants protection and space-saving convenience!

Some application areas require thinking outside the square, like at this site where the at-risk infrastructure also became part of the solution. This solid retaining wall at a fruit packing company runs alongside a heavy traffic driveway and while it is super strong, the continual risk of knocks and bumps was creating a headache for site management. To preserve the integrity of the retaining wall long term, our client wanted to install a run of Tru-Gard™ Barrier along the full length of the wall. However, the large size of the vehicles using this driveway meant any further encroachment into the space may have restricted the transport options that could be used in future. Due to the placement and sturdiness of the retaining wall posts, which were carefully assessed by engineers and installation experts as part of the project scope, it was deemed possible to use them for direct application of the guardrails in place of additional barrier posts. The standard barrier bolts were swapped out for deep timber fixings and overall fortitude was completely maintained. With the added high visibility factor, there is now minimal risk of bumping the retaining wall or compromising its strength. We love it when we can make the problem part of the solution and very happy with this case in point!



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Agents for change gather at Safeguard National Health & Safety Conference 2023

Each year we attend and greatly enjoy the annual Safeguard Health & Safety Conference held at Cordis Hotel, Auckland. We had the pleasure of being there again on 20th-21st June this year.

The subject of safety culture featured prominently at the conference. The keynote speakers underscored the importance of organisations positioning safety as a continuous improvement process that involves every employee. Various speakers shared inspiring stories of organisations placing safety at the forefront of every employee's mind and how that leads to the best safety performance. Such organisations have commendable practices, report near-misses and hazards, and provide various opportunities for improvement. One of the most crucial conversations at the conference was the importance of communication in promoting safety in workplaces. More often than not, workplace incidents occur as a result of failed communication structures. Specific cases and examples were shared to illustrate how good culture, communication and procedures can directly translate into accident prevention.



The 2023 Safeguard National Health & Safety Conference was an excellent opportunity for industry leaders, health and safety representatives, and other stakeholders to network, learn and share new insights on how to improve safety in the workplace. Conversations were engaging and inspiring, and attendees left the conference with new ideas to implement in their organisations. These quality discussions reflected the collective commitment to improving workplace safety, and it is heartwarming to see the safety community's dedication to making our workplaces safer, healthier, and more productive for everyone.

Have you meet Nanette Clark? Our thoroughly amazing Accounts Manager!

Anyone who has ever described an accountant as serious, dry or boring, has clearly never met Nanette Clark. The complete opposite of every clichéd description you've heard about accountants, Nanette is definitely one of the good ones!

She's so much more than a bean counter to us. Nanette is considered one of the most friendly and good-natured staff members we have the pleasure of working with here. And she's Fantastic Fun with two capital Fs! (Some people even use three Fs to really get their point across). We often live vicariously through her, enjoying the retelling of many recreational events, legendary acts and hilarious stories. There's the camping trips and parties in summer, and the Holden rallies, the local motorbike club and more parties in winter. Nanette always lives life to the full surrounded by friends and family – something we should all do more of.

Back to the serious stuff – Nanette runs a very tight ship here at Tru-Bilt Industries. She's switched on and super-conscientious. No bill goes unpaid, no outstanding invoice goes unchased, and no-one on the payroll is ever forgotten, making Nanette one of our favourite people!



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We've got a big milestone coming up - we're turning 30!

We're jumping the gun a little early; August is the official date, but we're so excited, we can't wait to start celebrating this special occasion.

1993 was the year we first opened our doors, and it's amazing how much our little business has grown since then.

Look out for the festivities over the next couple of months – we'll keep you posted on social media and in the next newsletter. Happy Birthday Tru-Gard™ - it's been 30 years of making workplaces safer!



An update on our next major project - progress on Christchurch Fresh Distribution Centre

As promised in our Autumn Newsletter, we wanted to keep you updated on a new project that we're really excited about.

Watts & Hughs Construction have been making great progress on the new Christchurch Fresh Distribution Centre that's currently underway in Rolleston, Canterbury. The 11,000 sqm development is a game changer for Countdown's South Island distribution of fresh produce. Previously most of the produce distribution came from the North Island, meaning extra transport and time. But this southern hub will optimise the supply chain and ensure fast and fresh supply to local supermarkets.



Tru-Gard™ is the contracted traffic safety provider for this site and we can't wait to get in there and start putting up safety barrier, bollards, hand rail, personnel gates and door frame protection. We'll be starting to produce the required safety items soon, ready for installation in spring, so we will bring further progress photos as the project continues. Stand by!

