

March 2022

SAFETY NET SYSTEMS



Breakfast Briefing
5th April

2 Day Safety
Leadership Course

Monthly Webinar
11th March

What's new this month

Safety Action is pleased to welcome Glecellie Castro as our new Graduate WHS Advisor. Glecellie joins us having recently completed her Bachelor of Biomedical Science (Honours) at Monash University and comes with a strong passion for achieving practical and visible results and a desire to improve workplace safety.



Glecellie Castro

We look forward to introducing her to our many friends and clients over the coming weeks and know, with her engaging and positive nature, she will be an excellent addition to the Safety Action team.

This month, we introduce some innovative safety solutions for the construction and warehousing sectors and explain key changes in Australia's Safety Regulations.

Our 2-day Safety Leadership course 15th and 16th March is filling fast, so if interested book quickly. Our first breakfast briefing for 2022 is on the 5th April.

Stay Safe!

Safety Webinar – 11th March 10am

We invite you to join us at **10am on Friday 11th March** for our free monthly webinar to keep you up to date on workplace health and safety. Gary and the team present short informal sessions of only 20 to 30 minutes on topical issues and to answer your questions.

Register [here](#)

Missed our last webinar? View them [here](#)

SAFETY ACTION TEAM



Andrea Rowe



Stephen Weber



Katie Weber



Gary Rowe



Sarah Oliver



Miriam Oliver

Safety Net Solutions

We are hosting Gaprie Ltd in March this year at our Clayton offices as they deliver their two day FASET (Fall Arrest Safety Equipment Training) qualification training and a one day Safety Net Inspectors Course.

Gaprie provides a variety of products including:

- Fall arrest safety nets
- Authorised provider of safety net training for those wishing to install, inspect and maintain safety nets.
- Elenet pallet rack containments systems for warehouses
- P.C. Net pallet raps for an environmentally friendly alternative to single use stretch wrap

So what are these products?

Fall Arrest Safety Nets

Fall Arrest Safety Nets (Safety Nets) are an alternative safety device to protect employees from falls and reduce the risk of falling debris and tools. The netting systems are installed by a trained installer. This netting can replace the need for safety harnesses or fall restraint systems which may not be effective at the heights being worked at. The nets are manufactured to (BSEN 1263-1 2002) the only recognised standard of fall arrest safety nets.

WorkSafe NZ has formally recognised Safety Nets as a control for the management of fall risks.



Elenet™ System for Pallet Racking

The Elenet™ System is an alternative option to the traditional steel barrier fencing between pallet racks. The net is attached to your existing pallet rack, and can be installed either on one side, for pedestrian protection, or in between two established racks for protection for “push through” risks during loading or unloading operations.

It is more customisable in shape, allowing the net to wrap around other structures or obstructions e.g. columns and piping. Another feature is that when an impact occurs the net deforms and has the capacity to return to its original shape or at worst be required to be tightened.

The Elenet™ system has been tested, to a force of 2500N (approx. 255 kg) as per the specification without damage to the mesh, or deformation of the frame or support structure.



Rack netting also has a single section variation (see images below), where a frame can be secured onto the racking steel frame and the netting is slid into the set frame.





P.C. Net pallet wraps

This is an environmentally friendly alternative to pallet shrink wrapping, and is re-usable which reduces waste.

The Net system is significantly faster than the plastic wrap system, is less prone to human error, and adapts easily to uneven shapes.

Additionally it can be released and retightened allowing access to remove items without reducing the strength of the restraint.

The netting is designed to last for multiple years and uses, however it also comes with a 12 month UV tag to help identify when it is due for an integrity assessment, as continuous UV exposure, like with any plastic item, will reduce its inherent strength.

FASET Training

Safety Action will be hosting Gaprie at our Clayton Office from the 9th to 11th of March as they deliver both their 2-day Riggers and 1 day Inspector's course. If you have an interest in further information, please feel to contact Evelyn Kuys below or visit their [website](http://www.gaprie.com).

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- Safety nets - sales, training & testing.
- Elenet - pallet rack safety net system.
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**Gaprie have generously offered friends of Safety Action who receive this newsletter the opportunity to participate in the 2-day Riggers course (9 & 10 March 2022) for a discounted price of \$700+GST (Full price \$1250+GST).

Breakfast Briefing- Free Event

Tuesday 5th April – Safety Action Conference Room, Clayton

Join us on **Tuesday the 5th April at 7.30am**,
Enjoy breakfast and networking with like-minded colleagues.



Benchmarking Safety Performance

What works and what doesn't?

Come and find out 📌

[Book now.](#)

Changes to Australia's Safety Regulations

Proposed OHS Amendment (Psychological Health) Regulations

The Victorian government is drafting new regulations on Psychological Health, the **OHS Amendment (Psychological Health) Regulations** and associated Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS). The intent of these regulations is to provide clearer guidance to employers on their obligations to protect workers from mental injury.

Western Australia WHS Act and Regulations published

The WA government has released drafts of the new Work, Health and Safety Act. The new legislation includes:

- [Work Health and Safety Act 2020](#)
- [Work Health and Safety \(General\) Regulations 2022 \(exposure draft\)](#)
- [Work Health and Safety \(Mines\) Regulations 2022 \(exposure draft\)](#)
- [Work Health and Safety \(Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Operations\) Regulations 2022 \(exposure draft\)](#)

Vic. OHS Amendment (Crystalline Silica) Regulations 2021

The regulation's commenced on the 15th November 2021, and includes:

- Australia's first licensing regime for engineered stone (which has an extremely high concentration of silicosis-causing crystalline silica).
- Permanent bans on dry cutting of engineered stone.
- Requirements for "high risk crystalline silica" work conducted in other industries, including the construction and earth resource sectors.
- Introduces on-the-spot fines for eight silica-related offences.
- Control measures apply to all engineered stone processes, regardless of whether the process is undertaken with a power tool or not.

2-Day Safety Leadership Workshop

Workshop includes; effective communication, safety legislation, what to do and not to do when there's a safety incident, risk assessments, review work procedures and conduct safety talks and positively change behaviours.

Tuesday 15th & Wednesday 16th March 2020

Normal Price \$1,500+GST

Early Bird Price \$980+GST until 6th March

Includes catering, training materials and a comprehensive manual.

8am – 4pm each day

Safety Action, Clayton

[Click here](#) to register.



"I wished I had done this course 20 years ago" – Manager, Melbourne Water

"Everything I thought I knew about safety law was wrong" – Metro Manager