

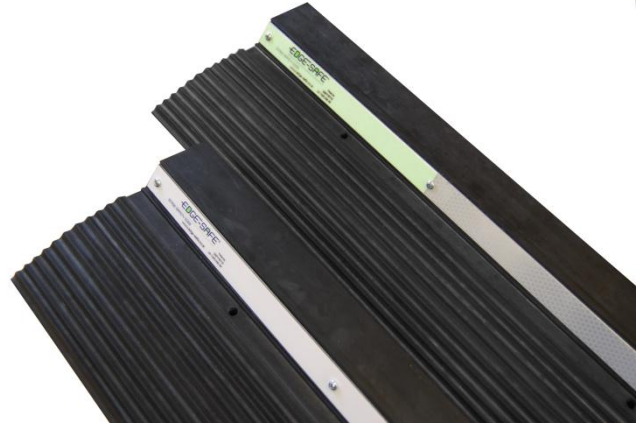
# Are You Responsible for Health and Safety in a Theatre or Stage Performance Area?

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**EDGE-SAFE**<sup>®</sup>  
STAGE SAFETY EDGE

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Falls from stages are an industry hazard, and we've all heard the horror stories.

Where else would you find a sheer drop in a workplace without barriers or signs? Sure, its best practice to apply a white line to the front edge, but what good is that if you are dazzled or in the dark? And it certainly doesn't stop equipment rolling off onto someone!

Edge-Safe significantly reduces the risk of falls and prevents equipment rolling off, so it improves the safety of working on and off the stage, and means you can be sure you have taken the best steps possible to reduce the risk to the people you are responsible for.

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- ✓ **Innovation in Stage Edge Safety reduces the risk of accidents**
- ✓ **A physical barrier that will stop rolling equipment from falling**
- ✓ **Easily seen in all lighting conditions**
- ✓ **Reflective strip that can be seen when dazzled**
- ✓ **Photo Luminescent strip visible in darkness or moving from light to darker**
- ✓ **A physical guide should you step backwards towards the edge**
- ✓ **Undetectable by audiences so will not distract or impede viewing**
- ✓ **Suitable for touring/hire use for permanent and temporary staging**
- ✓ **Durable one-off investment that requires no maintenance**
- ✓ **Affordable Solution to reducing your Risk & Liability**

Watch the Video here... <http://youtu.be/UHfyzP28n4c>

And remember, it's not just amateurs or children that fall from stages...  
A few examples of Professional Star Performers falls include...

Axyl Rose:	Los Angeles	
Steven Tyler:	South Dakota:	Broken shoulder, head & neck injuries
Scotty McCreery (American Idol):	New York:	Bruising
U2 Bono:	Miami	
Jimmy Buffett:	Sydney:	Hospitalised with head injury
Lupe Fiasco:	Chicago	
Ryan Adams:	Liverpool UK	Broken Wrist
Red Man:	2008:	Fell onto spectators
Joaquin Pheonix:	Las Vegas	
Symone Black:	American Idol	

## STAGE SAFETY

Statistics from ACC show that falls from stages (including Theatres, Schools, Performing Arts, Churches etc) are on the increase and there are hundreds of accidents every year in New Zealand

Year	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Claims	<b>256</b>	<b>271</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>309</b>	<b>326</b>

Of which most injuries received were Soft Tissue Injuries, followed by Fractures and Dislocations, followed by Lacerations & Punctures

Help prevent a serious accident on your stage before it happens!  
Protect your performers of all ages and abilities, staff, crew, contractors and audience.

**Do your Risk Assessment NOW... Edge Safe will be your solution!**

***Guide to Safe Working Practices in the New Zealand Theatre and Entertainment Industry V.12 published in association with the Department of Labour states...***

*"Accidents involving falls can occur at any time, including performance...these hazards include tripping or falling on the stage, falls from elevations, into pits or off the stage..."*

*"Where else would you find on a work site with the potential hazard of a sheer drop, sometimes onto fellow workers (namely musicians) that as no protection or cover, no warning sign or barrier?"*

*Other hazards associated with performance include:*

*Stage lifts, holes, openings, pits, revolves, traps and elevated areas, Raked and/or moving stages and/or moving set*

*Specific Hazards associated with performance:*

*Moving through different light levels from very bright stage lighting to dim backstage lighting and light levels in general (Blackouts)*

*And that: When working on the Stage / Performance Space, "The Relevant Supervisor should, where necessary, consult the director and other relevant personnel in the completion of risk assessments for issues associated with performance hazards and how such hazards will be controlled."*

Edge Safe helps to address the following Health and Safety Issues...

**Health and Safety in Employment Act 1992:**

*Every Employer shall ensure that there are in place Effective Methods for Systematically Identifying Existing Hazards to Employees at Work*

*And*

*Regularly assessing each hazard identified, and determining whether or not it is a significant hazard*

*Every Employer or person who controls a place of work Shall Take ALL Practical Steps to Ensure the Safety of Employees while at Work*

*And*

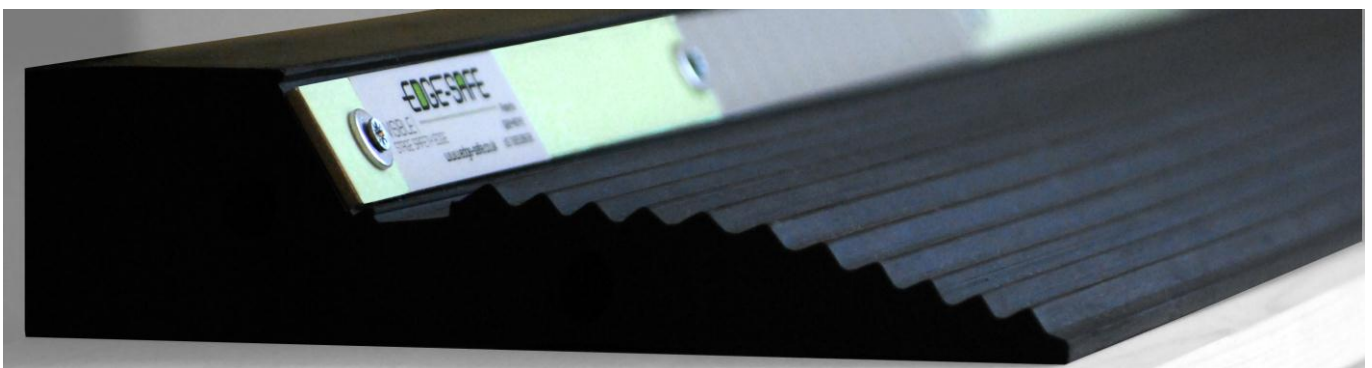
*To take all practical steps to minimise the likelihood that the hazard will be a cause or source of harm to the employees*

*It is an offence under the Health and Safety in Employment Act 1992 if “a person who, knowing that failure to take any action is reasonably likely to cause serious harm to any person, fails to take the action and the person is required by the Act to take the action” with fines up to \$500,000 or imprisonment of up to 2 years*

Edge safe is a practical step that you can take NOW to minimise the risk of an accident on your stage

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Call Showtechnix NOW for your free consultation and demonstration  
07 542 2878 or 021 0288 6227 [info@showtechnix.co.nz](mailto:info@showtechnix.co.nz)



## Technical Specification

Materials – Durable Synthetic Rubber (Black BS4255 Class C1), classified as non-hazardous with aluminium based Visible Strips as described below:

### Visible Strips

Reflective / Photo Luminescent – alternating 25 cm sections

Reflective sections illuminate the stage edge from reflected overhead lighting

Photo Luminescent sections absorb light energy from overhead lighting and provide discreet and effective illumination during dark scenes.

Non-Reflective White – 1m sections

Bright white strips provide an effective solution to visible edge indication where overhead lighting is limited – such as schools and village halls.

Construction – Visible strips are constructed from aluminium, layered with Reflective or Non-Reflective materials and finished with a "Scuff Resistant" coating which protects the strips and provides for easy cleaning.

### Fixings Recommended:

Visible Strips – Screws – Pan head crosshead 4mm x 40mm

Stage Fixing – Screws – Pan head crosshead 4mm x 40mm together with M6 Washers.

Edge-Safe can be effective without stage fixing but stage fixing is recommended.

### Dimensions

Standard Width 1m

Maximum height 5cm

Depth 20cm

Weight – Approx 8kg – easily portable as 1 or 2 sections.

### Patents

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