Looking for a safety solution that has a real grip on the market?

One of the best we’ve come across is the Grippas range, manufactured by Steve Quinn and his team at Safety Step International in East Tamaki, Auckland.

The Grippas range comprises stair nosing, floor plates for passageways and ramps, Ladders Grippas, and Floor Grippas. All are top quality, New Zealand manufactured, and designed to do the job you want done…superbly.

No wonder Safety Step calls Grippas the underfoot safety solution that really works!

Grippas assists YOU to reduce or eliminate the risks of trips, slips, and falls. They literally cover just about every surface where you want an effective, resilient grip. That includes stairs, ladders, walkways, ramps, floors, and elevated platforms.

The company has a product for every application. **Industrial Stair Grippas** easily overcome the age-old problem where the rounded edge on metal stairs becomes smooth from wear and gets slippery when wet. That edge is critical, because it’s there that the foot falls and needs its greatest grip. Industrial Stair Grippas (also called Noses) provide it. You even have a choice of colour—galvanised steel, black, or safety yellow.

**Grippas Floor Plates** are for those larger flat surfaces. They are pre-finished, ready-to-fit, traction floor plates, made from either galvanised or stainless steel. They can cover most floor surfaces, including timber or concrete, and will prevent slippage under even the harshest conditions and heaviest soiling. A bonus is that the contrasting colour options on these Grippas plates clearly define designated walkways and emergency egress areas.
**Ladder Grippas** are, as the name indicates, ideal for providing additional grip on ladder rungs. Ladders - fixed or unfixed – present a real risk of slippage in wet weather or simply from mud or other soiling on boots. Ladder Grippas provides the ready-to-fit pre-finished slippage solution.

**Architectural Stair Nosing** is certainly an interesting product. And one with a multitude of applications. They are equally at home in an industrial environment, where they can provide colour coding as well as safety, in an office, or even in a home, where they provide “good looks” as well as safety.

They can even be manufactured as photo luminescent glow-in-the-dark nosings, a facility the company has recently extended to its Floor Plates. And that is creating a lot of interest—some from unexpected quarters.

Clearly there is practical application for industry, particularly in terms of the safety benefits of having a luminescent surface that, in Safety Step’s case, will likely last all night. But the opportunity to have a hardwearing all-weather luminescent surface is also not lost on domestic markets. Whilst it was not initially Safety Step’s intention, the company now finds its product - particularly borders - used as outdoor “features” to decorate and designate driveways, pathways, and even swimming pool surrounds.

The company that promised to “turn slip into grip”, and in the process became New Zealand’s recognised experts in under-foot anti-slip products, is now exporting its expertise and products offshore.

Yet, as the family-owned company’s founding partner and C.E.O Steve Quinn points out, Safety Step International remains proudly very much a New Zealand company. “It’s just personally very satisfying to know that we can ‘foot it’ with the best, globally,” he adds with a grin.
“Footing it with the best” for Safety Step International means being a step ahead of the competition when it comes to innovation and product quality. On both counts, it has achieved an enviable track record.

Safety Step International Products are marketed in New Zealand under the Grippas brand exclusively for NZ Safety stores nationwide.