



Court judgement on accident at Briscoes Homeware store

During December 2012 there was an accident in our Briscoes Homeware store in Manukau involving a customer tripping over a carton that was in an aisle.

The Briscoe Group directors, management and staff were very distressed about the accident and the injury that one of our customers sustained. The company has cooperated completely with the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment throughout their investigation of this accident and made the decision to plead guilty to the serious harm injury charge.

Briscoe Group takes health and safety in our stores very seriously and we constantly review our policies and procedures to ensure we are minimising risks for our customers and staff.

Yesterday the Court's judgement was to fine Briscoe Group \$75,000 and to require the company to pay reparation to the customer of \$4,000, in addition to the \$5,000 contribution already paid.

Our legal advisors have advised us that the level of the fine is higher than they expected having regard to precedents for equivalent accidents and circumstances. We will wait until we receive the judge's sentencing notes and have the opportunity to study them fully to ascertain whether there are any further actions that should be taken. We have also been advised not to make any further statements in the meantime.

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Rod Duke
Group Managing Director