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Dashwood Industries Limited Fined \$65,000 After Worker Injured

Goderich, Ont. – Dashwood Industries Limited, a window and door manufacturer, was fined \$65,000 on October 19, 2009, for a violation of the Occupational Health and Safety Act (OHSA) after a worker was injured.

On September 15, 2008, a worker at Dashwood's facility in Centralia was dismantling the roof of a sound enclosure. The sound enclosure had been used to mute the sound from a line of milling machines that were no longer in use. The worker, on the roof of the enclosure, unhooked from the lifeline and moved to an access ladder to get down. The worker stepped on a plywood plank in front of the access ladder, and the plywood, which was not secured in place, slipped off the roof. The worker fell about four metres to the ground below, sustaining wrist and head injuries.

Dashwood Industries Limited pleaded guilty under the OHSA to failing as an employer to ensure that the plywood covering was secured in place.

The fine was imposed by Justice of the Peace Robert Gay. In addition to the fine, the court imposed a 25-per-cent victim fine surcharge, as required by the Provincial Offences Act. The surcharge is credited to a special provincial government fund to assist victims of crime.

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Court Information at a Glance

Location:	Ontario Court of Justice 1 Courthouse Sq. Goderich, ON
Judge:	Justice of the Peace Robert Gay
Date of Conviction:	October 19, 2009
Defendants:	Dashwood Industries Limited
Matter:	Occupational Health and Safety
Conviction:	Ontario Regulation 851/90, Section 15(a)
Crown Counsel:	Mike Nicol



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