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## **Vitrierie Lessard Inc. Fined \$65,000 After Worker Injured**

Ottawa, Ont. – Vitrierie Lessard Inc., a Quebec manufacturer and installer of windows and other glass and aluminum designs, was fined \$65,000 on September 14, 2009, for a violation of the Occupational Health and Safety Act (OHSA) after a worker was injured.

On December 11, 2007, workers were installing windows on an apartment building in Ottawa. They were working from a suspended platform just below the second floor. One worker, who was about to step down to the platform from the second floor slab, had a lifeline tied to a nearby window frame. The worker untied the lifeline and it sprang out of grasp. The worker lunged for it and fell through the space between the building and the suspended platform. The worker suffered a broken arm and pelvis.

Vitrierie Lessard Inc. pleaded guilty under the OHSA to failing to provide information, instruction and supervision to a worker on the safe use of a suspended platform.

The fine was imposed by Justice of the Peace Brian Mackey. 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

<b>Location:</b>	Ontario Court of Justice 100 Constellation Dr. Ottawa, Ontario
<b>Judge:</b>	Justice of the Peace Brian Mackey
<b>Date of Conviction:</b>	September 14, 2009
<b>Defendants:</b>	Vitrierie Lessard Inc.
<b>Matter:</b>	Occupational Health and Safety
<b>Conviction:</b>	<a href="#">OHSA, Section 25(2)(a)</a>
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