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## **Two Ottawa Construction Companies Fined \$90,000 Total After Worker Injured**

Ottawa, Ont. – Urbandale Construction Limited, a residential construction company from Ottawa, was fined \$40,000 on September 24, 2009, for a violation of the Occupational Health and Safety Act (OHSA) after a worker was injured. Laren Holdings Inc., carrying on business as Tony Olsen Enterprises, an Ottawa roofing contractor, was fined \$50,000 in relation to the same incident.

On June 20, 2008, Urbandale Construction was building residential townhouses with Tony Olsen Enterprises constructing the roofs. A worker on the roof of one of the townhouses threw a pallet off the roof towards a waste bin on the ground. The pallet hit another worker who was walking between the building and the bin. This second worker suffered injuries to the head, shoulder and neck.

A Ministry of Labour investigation found that neither company had provided a safe method of disposing of debris from the roof.

Both companies pleaded guilty under the OHSA to failing to ensure that the debris was lowered from the roof by a chute, in a container, or by a crane or hoist.

The fines were imposed by Justice of the Peace Beverly Souliere. In addition to the fines, 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 Cres. Ottawa, ON
<b>Judge:</b>	Justice of the Peace Beverly Souliere
<b>Date of Conviction:</b>	September 24, 2009
<b>Defendants:</b>	Urbandale Construction Limited Laren Holdings Inc., carrying on business as Tony Olsen Enterprises
<b>Matter:</b>	Occupational Health and Safety
<b>Conviction:</b>	<a href="#">Ontario Regulation 213/91, Section 35(2)</a>
<b>Crown Counsel:</b>	Judy Chan



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