

## **CRAWFORD METAL CORPORATION FINED \$70,000 FOR HEALTH AND SAFETY VIOLATION**

OAKVILLE, Ont. – Crawford Metal Corporation, a North York, Ont.-based distributor of manufactured steel products, with a plant in Burlington, Ont., was fined \$70,000 on October 13, 2006 for a violation of the Occupational Health and Safety Act that resulted in serious injuries to a young employee.

On March 7, 2005, a worker was walking between stacks of metal bar bundles when one of the stacks tipped and fell on the worker. The stack contained five bundles each 6.1 metres (20 feet) in length and weighing about 2,948 kilograms (6,500 pounds). The worker suffered extensive injuries to the lower body, including a broken ankle, two broken legs, broken pelvis and bruising to the back. The incident occurred at the company's plant at 1091 Heritage Road in Burlington.

Crawford Metal Corporation pleaded guilty, as an employer, to failing to ensure that the materials were stored so they did not tip, as required by Section 45(b)(i) of the Regulations for Industrial Establishments. This was contrary to Section 25(1)(c) of the act.

The fine was imposed by Justice Richard LeDressay of the Ontario Court of Justice in Oakville. In addition, 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  
1225 Trafalgar Road, Courtroom 5  
Oakville, Ontario

**Judge:** Justice Richard LeDressay

**Date / Time:** October 13, 2006, 10 a.m.

**Defendant:** Crawford Metal Corporation

**Matter:** Occupational Health & Safety

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