

## **BARZOTTI WOODWORKING LIMITED FINED \$50,000 FOR HEALTH AND SAFETY VIOLATION**

GUELPH, Ont. – Barzotti Woodworking Limited, a Guelph-based manufacturer of custom kitchen cabinetry, was fined \$50,000 today for a violation of the Occupational Health and Safety Act that resulted in a serious hand injury to an employee.

On June 29, 2005, a worker was running a piece of cherry wood panel through a table saw equipped with a 25-centimetre (10-inch) blade when the saw suddenly jerked backwards and the worker's hand was drawn into the rotating blade. The worker suffered a severe and extensive cutting injury to the hand and has been unable to return to work. The incident occurred at the company's manufacturing facility at 2 Watson Road South in Guelph.

Barzotti Woodworking Limited pleaded guilty, as an employer, to failing to provide adequate information, instruction and/or supervision to the worker on the safe use of the table saw. This was contrary to Section 25(2)(a) of the act.

The fine was imposed by Justice of the Peace James Ziegler of the Ontario Court of Justice in Guelph. 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  
55 Wydham Street, Courtroom 2  
Guelph, Ontario

**Judge:** Justice of the Peace James Ziegler

**Date / Time:** October 31, 2006, 10 a.m.

**Defendant:** Barzotti Woodworking Limited

**Matter:** Occupational Health & Safety

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