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**DANA CANADA CORPORATION FINED \$80,000
FOR WORKER INJURY**

ST. CATHARINES, Ont. – Dana Canada Corporation, a manufacturer of vehicle parts, was found guilty after trial and fined \$80,000 in the Ontario Court of Justice on January 6, 2009, after a worker was injured.

Justice D. A. Harris heard that on February 12, 2006, an industrial mechanic at the Dana Frame Plant, 100 Haynes Rd., Thorold, was repairing a shear, used to cut sheets of metal. After maintenance work on the machine, workers turned it back on and removed the steel blocks that prevented the beam holding the top blade of the shear from moving. The mechanic was in a pit under the machine, calibrating the clearance between the blades, when a ram attached to the beam broke. The beam fell about 15 centimetres and hit the mechanic on the head.

Dana Canada Corporation was fined \$80,000 for failing, as an employer, to ensure that the measures and procedures prescribed by section 75(b) of Ontario Regulation 851 were carried out, contrary to section 25(1)(c) of the Occupational Health and Safety Act.

In addition to the fine, the court imposed a 25-per-cent victim fine surcharge on the total, 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 59 Church Street St. Catharines, Ontario
Judge:	Justice D. A. Harris
Date:	January 6, 2009
Defendants:	Dana Canada Corporation
Matter:	Occupational Health and Safety
Crown Counsel:	Catherine Glaister

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