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**HIGHRISE WINDOW TECHNOLOGIES INC. FINED \$160,000
AFTER WORKER KILLED**

NEWMARKET, Ont. – Highrise Window Technologies Inc., a Concord, Ont. company that makes windows for high rise buildings, was fined \$160,000 on April 3, 2009 for a violation under the Occupational Health and Safety Act, after a worker was killed.

On September 19, 2007, a worker was cutting, loading onto a cart, and moving cut glass from a cutting machine to a washing machine. One cart was overloaded, a rear castor on it broke off while in motion, and glass fell off the cart, pinning the worker between the fallen glass and the cutting machine.

A Ministry of Labour investigation found that by lifting the front castors off the ground and dragging the cart, excess stress was placed on the rear castors, causing one to sheer off and the cart and its load to tip.

Highrise Window Technologies Inc. pleaded guilty to failing, as an employer, to ensure the glass was moved in a way that would not endanger the worker.

The fine was imposed by Justice of the Peace Michael Frederiksen. In addition to the fine, the court also 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 465 Davis Dr., Courtroom T2 Newmarket, Ontario
Judge:	Justice of the Peace Michael Frederiksen
Date of Conviction:	April 3, 2009
Defendants:	Highrise Window Technologies Inc.
Matter:	Occupational Health and Safety
Conviction(s):	Section 45(b) of Ontario Regulation 851; Occupational Health and Safety Act, Section 25(1)(c)
Crown Counsel:	Alicia Gordon-Fagan



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