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**BREWERS RETAIL INC. FINED \$50,000 AFTER
HEALTH AND SAFETY VIOLATION**

HAMILTON, Ont. – Brewers Retail Inc., carrying on business as The Beer Store, was fined \$50,000 on May 4, 2009, for a violation under the Occupational Health and Safety Act (OHSA), after a workplace incident.

On April 26, 2007, at the company's product distribution centre in Stoney Creek, a worker was using a forklift to remove a pallet containing cases of beer from a storage rack. The pallet knocked part of the rack and the rack became unstable. The worker attempted to restore support to the storage rack, but was unable to do so. Several cases of beer fell and landed on the forklift. The worker was able to jump from the forklift and was unharmed.

The Beer Store pleaded guilty under the OHSA to failing, as an employer, to ensure that materials removed from a storage rack were removed in a way that would not endanger the safety of a worker.

The fine was imposed by Justice Timothy Culver. 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
45 Main St. E.
Hamilton, Ontario

Judge: Justice Timothy Culver

Date of Conviction: May 4, 2009

Defendants: Brewers Retail Inc., carrying on business as The Beer Store

Matter: Occupational Health and Safety

Conviction(s): [Ontario Regulation 851, section 45\(c\)](#)
[Occupational Health and Safety Act, section 25\(1\)\(c\)](#)

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