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**GUESS? CANADA CORPORATION FINED \$50,000
AFTER WORKER SERIOUSLY INJURED**

TORONTO, Ont. – Guess? Canada Corporation, a national clothing and accessories retailer, was fined \$50,000 on May 14, 2009, for a violation under the Occupational Health and Safety Act (OHSA) after a worker was seriously injured.

On October 7, 2007, at the company's Bloor St. W. location, a worker was standing on an eight-foot, A-frame ladder in the storage room, attempting to return a box to the top shelf. The ladder gave way and the worker fell to the floor, losing consciousness and sustaining back injuries.

A Ministry of Labour investigation found that the ladder was too wide for the storage room. This meant the worker could not fully open the ladder and lock it into place to prevent it from collapsing.

Guess? Canada Corporation pleaded guilty under the OHSA to failing, as an employer, to ensure that the worker could carry, move and lift store merchandise safely.

The fine was imposed by Justice of the Peace Mary Anne Ross Hendriks. 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 60 Queen St. W. Old City Hall Toronto, Ontario
Judge:	Justice of the Peace Mary Anne Ross Hendriks
Date of Conviction:	May 14, 2009
Defendants:	Guess? Canada Corporation
Matter:	Occupational Health and Safety
Conviction(s):	Ontario Regulation 851/90, section 45(a) Occupational Health and Safety Act, section 25(1)(c)
Crown Counsel:	Alicia Gordon-Fagan



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