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**SHERWIN-WILLIAMS CANADA INC. FINED \$60,000 AFTER WORKER INJURED**

ST. CATHARINES, Ont. – Sherwin-Williams Canada Inc. a company that manufactures painting products, was fined \$60,000 on May 15, 2009 for a violation under the Occupational Health and Safety Act (OHSA), after a worker was injured.

On December 6, 2007, a worker at Sherwin-Williams' Grimsby plant at 13 Iroquois Trail, had a hand caught in the pinch point between two rolls of a paint extruder machine while attempting to clean off some paint stuck to the rolls. The worker's hand and forearm were drawn into the machine. As a result, the worker suffered serious injuries to the forearm.

A Ministry of Labour investigation found that the pinch point of the rolls was not properly guarded because there was a 20 by 23 centimetre (9" x 8") hole in the centre of the grate which should have guarded the pinch point of the machine. The worker put a hand through this hole when trying to clean the rolls.

Sherwin-Williams Canada Inc. was found guilty under the OHSA of failing to ensure that the in-running nip hazard on the roller machine was equipped with and guarded by a device to prevent access to the pinch point.

The fine was imposed by Justice of the Peace D. J. Cowan. 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

<b>Location:</b>	Ontario Court of Justice 59 Church Street, St. Catharines, Ontario
<b>Judge:</b>	Justice of the Peace Donna J. Cowan
<b>Date of Conviction:</b>	May 15, 2009
<b>Defendants:</b>	Sherwin-Williams Canada Inc.
<b>Matter:</b>	Occupational Health and Safety
<b>Conviction(s):</b>	<a href="#">R.R.O. 1990, Reg. 851, s. 25</a> <a href="#">OHSA section 25(1)(c)</a>
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