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Pintar Manufacturing Corp. Fined \$50,000 After Worker Injured

Brampton, Ont. - Pintar Manufacturing Corp., a maker of paintbrushes, rollers and paint applicators, was fined \$50,000 on February 25 for a violation of the Occupational Health and Safety Act (OHSA) after a worker was injured at its plant in Mississauga, Ontario.

On May 14, 2008, a Pintar worker tried to adjust air diverters by placing a hand inside an unguarded pinch point of an operating winding machine that makes paint rollers. The worker's fingers were caught either by a belt or by fabric that was being wound into a paint roller. The worker sustained hand injuries.

Pintar Manufacturing Corp. pled guilty to the offence of failing, as an employer, to ensure that all pinch points on the winder machine were guarded.

The fine was imposed by Justice of the Peace Karen Jensen. In addition to the fine, the court imposed a 25-per-cent victim fine surcharge, 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 5 Ray Lawson Blvd., Courtroom B1 Brampton, Ont.
Judge:	Justice of the Peace Karen Jensen
Date of Conviction:	February 25, 2010
Defendant:	Pintar Manufacturing Corp.
Matter:	Occupational Health and Safety
Conviction:	Ontario Regulation 851/90, Section 25
Crown Counsel:	Mike Nicol



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