Amputation of Worker's Fingers Results in \$35,000 Fine



A worker was trimming metal bars using an eccentric punch press. While removing a piece of metal from the press, it activated, pinching the worker's left hand and amputating two fingers. The employer pleaded guilty to failing to provide a worker with the CSA standards on the operation and safeguarding of power press machinery and to ensure that the press was regularly inspected. The court fined it \$35,000 [Buhler Trading Inc., Govt. News Release, Jan. 13, 2015].