

Builder and Contractor Fined \$170,000 in Fatal Fall from Scaffolding



Workers for a masonry contractor were working on a residential construction project, bricking exterior walls from scaffolding. Ladders hadn't been provided. A worker accessed the north scaffold to reach the west scaffold so he could retrieve some tools. While doing so, he fell between the scaffold and the building, suffering fatal head injuries. An MOL investigation found that the north scaffolding from which the worker fell had numerous components missing. The contractor and the builder pleaded guilty to violating the *Construction Projects Regulation*. The court fined the contractor \$80,000 and the builder \$90,000 [Roswell Construction Inc. and Blue River Masonry Ltd., Govt. News Release, May 15, 2015].