

# Contractor & Home Owner Fined after Worker Is Hit by Drilling Attachment



At a residential construction site, a worker was injured after an improperly secured drilling attachment came off a Bobcat and hit him. The contractor pleaded guilty to violating *The OHS Act* by failing to instruct a worker to keep a safe distance from a piece of power mobile equipment operated by an untrained operator. The court fined him \$4,200. The homeowner, who was operating the Bobcat at the time of the incident, pleaded guilty to failing to ensure all work at a place of employment was sufficiently and competently supervised and was also fined \$4,200 [*George Therres of Therres Construction and Gary Hoppe*, Govt. News Release, May 1, 2012].