

# Hoist Worker Fined \$1,500 for Not Tying off Fall Protection



A worker was on a hoist tower at a construction project in Ontario when he jumped from the tower to a nearby roof. An MOL inspector saw his jump. The inspector also saw that although the worker was wearing a fall protection harness and lanyard, the lanyard wasn't tied off to anything. And the hoist tower he jumped from was approximately 15.24 metres above the ground. The worker pleaded guilty to failing to be adequately protected by a method of fall protection while exposed to a fall of more than three metres and was fined \$1,500 [*Christopher Schwaemmie*, Govt. News Release, March 12, 2014].