

Supervisor Fined \$4,000 for Exposing Workers to Asbestos



Three workers were doing asbestos abatement work on a home. The area where this work was being conducted was enclosed. During an MOL inspection, the inspector found the workers either working inside or exiting the enclosed area without wearing proper protective clothing. The employer pleaded guilty to failing to ensure that only persons wearing protective clothing and equipment enter a work area where there's an asbestos dust hazard. The court fined it \$25,000. A supervisor pleaded guilty to failing, as a supervisor, to ensure that a worker worked in the manner and with the required protective devices, measures and procedures and was fined \$4,000 [*Recovery Abatement & Insulation Ltd. and Gregory Simpson*, Govt. News Release, Jan. 22, 2015].