

Worker's Fall Results in \$300,000 in Fines for Director & Two Companies



A worker fell from a cement pier while dismantling a guardrail system, suffering head and leg injuries. A court found that neither he nor three other workers at the site had any fall protection. There was also a lack of equipment for each worker and proper care and inspection of existing safety equipment. Lastly, the court found that the onsite supervisor was unqualified. The court fined the constructor \$75,000 and the worker's employer \$215,000 for various safety violations. It also fined a company director \$10,000 for failing to ensure both companies complied with the OHS law [*Bélanger Construction (1981) Inc., R.M. Bélanger Ltd. and Ronald Bélanger*, Govt. News Release, Aug. 16, 2012].