
Auto Parts Manufacturer Fined \$80,000 After Worker Injury in Guelph

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GUELPH, ON - Auto parts manufacturer Linergy Manufacturing Inc., carrying on business as LPP Manufacturing, pleaded guilty and has been fined \$80,000 after a worker was injured while handling machinery that was still connected to power.

The incident took place at company's facility at 347 Silvercreek Parkway North in Guelph on October 20, 2015. A machine operator was performing maintenance on a machine known as a CNC lathe. The machine was put into manual mode, but was not powered off. The worker was engaged in removing the machine's chuck by unthreading it and removing it from its spindle. The chuck unexpectedly retracted to the back of the lathe and the worker's fingers were trapped. A co-worker activated a foot pedal, which caused the chuck to move out from the plate, releasing the worker.

This was the first time the worker had been asked to remove the chuck, and no training had been received by the worker relating to locking out this machine. The worker suffered injuries, some of them permanent, and months later was unable to return to work.

Provincial law requires that where the starting of a machine, device or thing may endanger the safety of a worker, control switches or other control mechanisms shall be locked out and other effective precautions necessary to prevent any starting shall be taken.

Justice of the Peace James T. Ziegler imposed the \$80,000 fine in Guelph court on November 23, 2016.

In addition to the fine, the court imposed a 25-per-cent victim fine surcharge as required by the Provincial Offences Act. The surcharge is credited to a special provincial government fund to assist victims of crime.

Court Information at a Glance

Location:

Ontario Court of Justice

59 Carden Street

Guelph, Ontario

Judge:

Justice of the Peace James T. Ziegler

Date of Sentencing:

November 23, 2016

Defendant:

Linery Manufacturing Inc.

carrying on business as

LPP Manufacturing

347 Silvercreek Parkway North

Guelph, Ontario

Matter:

Occupational health and safety

Convictions:

Occupational Health and Safety Act

Section 25(1)(c)

Regulation 851 (Industrial Establishments Regulation)

Section 76

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