

Employers Plead 'GUILTY'



During the month of June 2010, a Regina contractor pleaded guilty to three charges under the Saskatchewan Occupational Health & Safety Regulations (OH&S) and was fined \$1,560.00. The contractor pleaded guilty to failure to provide and require workers to use protective headwear, failure to require workers to use appropriate footwear, and failure to ensure workers use a fall protection system where a worker may fall three metres or more.

Again in June, 2010 a Moose Jaw contractor pleaded guilty under the same OH&S Regulations and was also fined \$1,560.00. The charges the contractor pled guilty to were failure to ensure that a ladder in use by workers was secured, failure to ensure workers use a fall protection system where a worker may fall three metres or more, and failure to have a written fall protection plan.

Would you appreciate the embarrassment of having a contractor fined while working at your place of business? Even further, if someone was unfortunate to receive a severe injury at the same time, are you prepared to accept the majority of responsibility as owner of the site? If the answer is "NO" to one or both of these questions and you would like further assistance, do not hesitate to call either the SHSA Regina or Saskatoon Offices.

