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General Kinetics Engineering Corporation Fined \$50,000 After Worker Injured

BRAMPTON, ON – General Kinetics Engineering Corporation, a manufacturer of vehicle suspension systems, has been fined \$50,000 after a worker fell from a ladder.

On October 10, 2012, a worker was cleaning and painting support beams at the company's Brampton facility. The worker was standing on a ladder that was propped against a wall. Meanwhile, a second worker started using an overhead crane to move a bundle of steel tubes. As the crane moved along the perimeter of the building, it knocked the worker to the concrete floor 13 to 14 feet below. The worker suffered lacerations to the head and bruising to the body.

A Ministry of Labour investigation found that the worker operating the crane had not been informed another worker was painting in the area. The crane was also not locked out or shut down to prevent its use while the first worker was painting in the area.

General Kinetics Engineering Corporation pleaded guilty to failing to take every precaution for the protection of a worker from the danger of an overhead crane.

The fine was imposed by Justice of the Peace Jeannie Anand. 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.

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Court Information at a Glance

Location:	Ontario Court of Justice 5 Ray Lawson Blvd. Brampton, Ontario
Judge:	Justice of the Peace Jeannie Anand
Date of Sentencing:	June 10, 2014
Defendant:	General Kinetics Engineering Corporation
Matter:	Occupational health and safety
Conviction:	Occupational Health and Safety Act, Section 25(2)(h)
Crown Counsel:	Jason Tam



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