



Media Release

Fuels Supplier Guilty of Failing to Report an Incident

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Bird Fuels fined \$1500 for failing to report an incident

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (Toronto, ON, December 1, 2014) – Ontario’s public safety regulator, the Technical Standards and Safety Authority (TSSA), has successfully prosecuted a fuels supplier for failing to notify TSSA of a fuels-related incident.

The Ontario Court of Justice in Owen Sound levied a fine of \$1,500, plus the mandatory 25% victim surcharge, against London-based Bird Fuels Home Comfort Inc. for violating the *Technical Standards and Safety Act, 2000*.

In November 2012, TSSA inspected a fire at a Ravenna residence near the Town of the Blue Mountains. An inspection revealed that a propane range-top had caused a flash fire in the kitchen, causing minor burns to a fuels technician servicing the equipment. Bird Fuels was subsequently charged with failing to notify a TSSA inspector that an incident had occurred, contrary to Ontario’s *Technical Standards and Safety Act, 2000*.

“Reporting incidents of this nature is critical to TSSA’s investigations,” said John Marshall, Director of TSSA’s Fuels Safety Program. “Investigations are an important part of the overall safety system because they help us determine the cause of incidents and in doing so allow us to develop preventive strategies to ensure public safety.”

Ontario’s safety laws clearly state the obligation to report fuels-related incidents to TSSA. Anyone witnessing an incident should immediately report it to TSSA by calling toll-free at 1-877-682-TSSA (8772).

About TSSA

The Technical Standards and Safety Authority (TSSA) is Ontario’s public safety regulator mandated by the Government of Ontario to enforce provincial safety regulations and enhance public safety. Throughout Ontario, TSSA regulates the safety of amusement devices, boilers and pressure vessels, elevating devices, fuels, operating engineers, ski lifts, and upholstered and stuffed articles. Its range of safety services include public education and consumer information, certification, licensing and registration, engineering design review, inspections, investigations, safety management consultation, and enforcement and prosecution activities. The organization’s vision is to be a valued advocate and recognized authority in public safety.

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