



Media Release

Unauthorized Fuel Contractor
Convicted of Safety Violation

Mississauga Contractor Guilty of Safety Violation

\$2000 fine for servicing a gas appliance without a TSSA Certificate

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (Toronto, ON, April 7, 2014) – The Technical Standards and Safety Authority (TSSA) has successfully prosecuted an unauthorized contractor, Chittaranjan Sivasubramanian, operating in the Mississauga/GTA region.

The Ontario Court of Justice in Brampton levied a fine of \$2,000, plus the mandatory 25% victim surcharge, for violating safety regulations under the *Technical Standards and Safety Act, 2000*.

Following an investigation by TSSA, it was determined that Mr. Sivasubramanian had been servicing a fuel-fired air heating unit, atop a Brampton business, without holding a gas technician certificate.

Mr. Sivasubramanian was found guilty of servicing a gas appliance without holding the appropriate certification.

While infractions of this nature typically receive higher penalties, the court took into account that this appeared to be Mr. Sivasubramanian's first foray into servicing a fuel-fired appliance and imposed a lesser fine.

“Contractors have an obligation to understand Ontario’s public safety regulations and to know what work can only be done by holders of TSSA certificates,” said John Marshall, Director of TSSA’s Fuels Safety Program. “A gas appliance serviced by someone not qualified to do so can easily lead to serious injury or even death, particularly through conditions such as carbon monoxide poisoning.”

In Ontario, all technicians employed in the installation, repair or servicing of natural gas appliances must possess valid TSSA certification, which ensures fuels contractors are properly trained and familiar with Ontario’s safety rules. TSSA reminds the public that any fuel-fired appliance should be installed, serviced and/or inspected by a TSSA-certified technician. If in doubt of a technician’s certification, contact TSSA toll-free at 1-877-682-8772.

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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