Supervisor Fined $6,000 For Worker’s Death

Two workers who were dismantling a huge tent received electrical shocks after a support pole contacted a live 4,800-volt overhead power cable in Brampton, ON, in late June of 2005. One worker died and the other was badly injured and off work for five months.

Advanced Tent Rental Ltd., a Concord, ON, company that supplies and erects tents and other temporary structures, was fined $130,000, plus a 25-percent victim fine surcharge, after pleading guilty to the charge.

The Ministry said the company and supervisor failed to ensure there were no overhead energized electrical lines in the vicinity of the tent installation site, failed to alert workers to the presence of the lines, and failed to ensure workers were not endangered by them.