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A Sudbury construction company has been given a hefty fine after pleading guilty to four counts of making false statements to the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board in connection to a worker's claim for benefits.

A legal representative for Pioneer Construction Inc. make the guilty pleas admitting wrongdoing under violations of the Workplace Safety and Insurance Act several weeks ago.

The matter proceeded by way of an agreed statement of facts and a joint submission in sentencing, where the employer would pay a fine of \$20,000 under each count, for a total fine of \$80,000, plus a victim fine surcharge.

The fine was to be paid within 30 days of the passing of sentence.

"Ensuring that everyone obeys the law is a matter of fairness and equity for workers and employers," said Mike Johnston, director of prosecutions for the WSIB, in a news release.

"Construction workers are entitled to WSIB benefits in the event of an accident. Construction employers need to know that everyone is obeying the rules and paying their fair share of costs.

"The majority of employers meet their obligations. They pay premiums to the WSIB to cover their workers and they report injuries to the WSIB as the law requires. By prosecuting these offences, the WSIB is helping ensure a fair and effective workplace safety and insurance system and safe and healthy workplaces for all Ontarians."

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