



The Dangers of Being in a Hurry and taking shortcuts

Tips on changing your behavior

If you tend to hurry on the job, there are ways you can change your behavior. Here are a few tips:

- 1. Always put safety first.** Think about the injuries & other problems that could result from being in too much of a hurry.
- 2. Don't take shortcuts.** Shortcuts often results in accidents. Shortcuts to avoid include removing safety guards or shields, not wearing your PPE, and failing to heed warning signs and other important safety instructions.
- 3. Dress properly for the job.** It may take a few extra minutes to put on a heavy pair of gloves, goggles or other safety equipment, but it can save you from serious injury. Don't be in so much of a rush that you neglect to put on the proper protective equipment when handling chemicals or objects with sharp edges. And if you work near a moving machinery, remember to tieback long hair & to remove jewelry.
- 4. Use the right tools for the job.** Don't use a wrench instead of a hammer because your hammer was in your toolbox on the other side of the room.
- 5. Identify hazardous situations in advance.** If you're rushing through a task, your mind is on getting it done –not on what may happen next. Working carefully gives you time to think about potential hazards, and to plan your actions.

Develop a Good Safety Attitude

- Rushing results in carelessness, and carelessness leads to accidents. One example of a poor safety attitude that you should avoid is, "I don't have time to think about safety. I need to get this job done right now."
- Having a good safety attitude means taking responsibility for your actions, taking responsibility means doing the best job you can –not the fastest job you can.
- Here are some other examples of attitudes that can get you into trouble:
 - "I don't have time to put on all of that protective equipment. I did a similar job without using it once before & didn't get hurt."
 - "I've done this job this way dozens of times in the past. I don't have time to review the current safe work procedure."
 - "I know I'm not supposed to rush, but I really have to get home. If I finish in a hurry, maybe I can get there sooner."



Always follow the current Safe Work Procedures



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