



Safety Message of the Day for IMEA Members

Lack of Time Safety Message

There are many different sources of pressure individuals face at work to get the job done. Time, or the lack of it, is a major driver in whether or not workers feel that they need to rush to get a job completed. It is important to plan work accordingly to avoid having to rush work tasks.

Sources of Time Pressures on the Job

There are many reasons why there is not enough time to get work done or at least the perception that there is a lack of time. Some reasons to consider:

- * **Poor preplanning-** A lack of planning is a major factor in whether or not employees have to rush to get work done. Poor preplanning leads to a huge number of issues on the job and often results in safety-related shortcuts.
- * **Unrealistic deadlines-** Related to poor preplanning, unrealistic deadlines put unnecessary pressure on workers to perform. When deadlines force workers to rush, incidents and injuries are bound to occur over time.
- * **Weather-** Weather can throw a huge curveball at production schedules in the Electric Utility Industry. When weather is not planned for both in the short and long-term major issues, and setbacks can arise for everyone involved.

Summary

All too often, time pressures are created unnecessarily. Lack of time to get a job completed can lead to workers taking shortcuts which leads to additional exposure to risk. Proper time allotted for tasks allows workers to ensure the proper safeguards are in place before a work task begins. When individuals work together to properly pre-plan and carry out tasks, the job goes a lot smoother. Avoid time pressures through proper preplanning and setting realistic expectations for getting work tasks completed.

