



The End of the Day Safety Message

Safety is an around-the-clock job. However, there are certain times – like the end of the workday – when safety needs to be given extra attention.

In the beginning of the workday, worker complacency is typically at its lowest. That's because we may not yet be familiar with the day's work, which keeps us on our toes. The job briefing or tailboard will help to focus the crew on the task at hand, the hazards present and the barriers to mitigate those hazards. Hopefully everyone on the crew is well-rested, and if you are like most lineworkers, you are looking forward to tackling the job. By the time lunch is over, if the morning has gone well, we are on the downhill side of the job with a focus on completing it.

Near the end of the day, complacency and fatigue may set in. The more complex elements of the job may be behind us and our focus can turn to "**getting the heck out of here.**" We might start thinking about what's for dinner or our children's afterschool sports.

Regardless, attention is likely beginning to shift away from what remains to be done on the job.