



SAFETY TIP OF THE WEEK

FOR THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY



Company _____ Date _____

To encourage all of us to promote safety on a continuing basis, the Builders Exchange publishes a safety tip in each issue of the weekly **Bulletin**. The superintendent/foreman of each job should use this safety tip in a short safety meeting Monday morning. We suggest that this 5-to-10 minute meeting be just before lunch or perhaps right after the morning break. You can then emphasize the SAFETY TIP OF THE WEEK all week long.

Hurry Up Can Hurt

Week Ending 10/23/20

Sports cars competing over racecourses marked with racing stripes. People who race on the job are marked with cuts, bruises, and bandages. There are places to race and places not to race. Speed belongs on the racecourse, not in the workplace.

Almost everyone has been guilty of speeding through a job. We forget, until it is too late, that "hurry up can hurt". In just about every instance, hurrying on the job does not do much to increase productivity. Usually it is simply an easy way to get a job done, get a tough job out of the way - or try to get off the job as soon as possible.

When we hurry on the job, we accomplish little more than to increase our chances of an unsafe act happening. Let us look at some hurry up acts. Which ones have you caught yourself doing?

- Didn't wear safety glasses because the job would only take a few minutes.
- Used the wrong ladder because the proper one was too far away.
- Didn't use proper lockout procedures because you could fix it yourself and would not have to bother anyone else.
- Took a short cut between machinery or stockpiles of materials.
- Used a wrench instead of a hammer because your hammer was in your toolbox on the other side of the room.
- Climbed a ladder with tools stuck in your pocket, or in your hand, because you did not have a tool belt.

- Cut the grounding prong off a three-way ground wire plug because you did not have an adapter.
- Removed a guard to repair your machine, or for a special run, but have not got around to putting it back yet.
- Reached "just-a-little-bit-further" on the ladder so you did not have to get down and move it.
- Didn't unplug a power tool before making adjustments because you would only have to plug it in again.
- Used a dull saw blade for just one more cut.
- Gave the forklift truck just a little more "pedal" so you could get one more load in before lunch.
- Didn't completely brace the scaffold because one of the braces was missing.
- Laid a board down, full of nails, with the intention of bending the nails over "in a minute".
- Climbed up the side of a bin instead of getting a ladder.
- Didn't slow down this time at a blind corner because you never saw anyone there before.

The list is endless. Do they sound familiar? Too familiar? Sometimes when you hurry, nothing bad happens. Other times there may be "near misses", but eventually a serious injury will occur. It is only a matter of time. Is it really worth your eyesight, your limbs or even your life to save those few minutes?

When hurrying on the job, you do not end up speeding up the work, you just speed up your chances of an accident.

Special Topics for this Job: _____

MSDS # _____ Reviewed – Title: _____

Present at Meeting:

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Supervisor's Signature: _____

Note: These SAFETY TIPS OF THE WEEK are to help members provide a safe workplace and to instruct employees in ways to prevent accidents. Ensure you record the names of those who attend your safety meetings, and file this form with your permanent accident prevention records.