



HEALTH, SAFETY,
& ENVIRONMENTAL



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The Dangers of Rushing to Complete Tasks

Recent feedback from field operations indicates an increased exposure to risk due to **time pressure and rushing to complete tasks**. Whether driven by schedule demands, perceived urgency, or production expectations, rushing significantly increases the likelihood of **injuries, incidents, and quality failures**. **No task is so urgent that it cannot be done safely and correctly.**

Key Hazards of Rushing

When individuals feel pressured to “get it done quickly,” the following risks increase:

Reduced situational awareness

- Failure to identify hazards
- Inability to recognize changing conditions

Skipped or incomplete safety controls

- Bypassing JSEA steps or incomplete hazard identification
- Improper use or omission of PPE

Improper equipment use

- Failure to follow manufacturer or procedural requirements
- Increased potential for equipment damage or malfunction

Communication breakdowns

- Incomplete pre-job meetings
- Failure to exercise Stop Work Authority
- Lack of repeat-back or verification of understanding

Impact on Safety

Rushing has been identified as a contributing factor in multiple incident types, including:

- Struck-by / caught-between incidents
- Hands and finger injuries
- Falls due to poor footing or rushed movement
- Dropped objects
- Line-of-fire exposure

These incidents are often the result of **shortcuts, reduced focus, or failure to follow established procedures**.

Impact on Quality and Productivity

Rushing does not save time; it often results in rework, delays and increased risk:

- Incorrect installation or assembly
- Defective work requiring rework
- Missed inspection steps
- Client dissatisfaction and potential loss of confidence

Doing it right the first time is always faster than doing it twice.

Expectations

All personnel are expected to:

- Plan the Work
- Maintain Clear Communication
- Take the Time to Do it Right
- Recognize and Manage Pressure

Key Takeaway

Rushing increases risk, reduces quality, and puts lives at stake. **We never sacrifice safety or quality for production.**

Proper use of the **GIS LIFE Processes** can help to create a **FAIL-SAFE** Work Environment

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