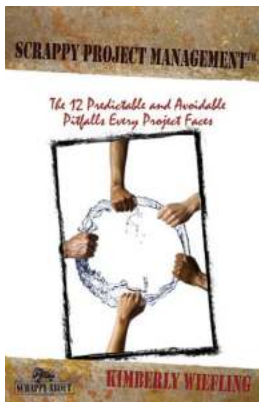# The 12 Predictable And Avoidable Pitfalls Every Project Faces Scrappy About

Are you tired of facing obstacles and setbacks in your project endeavors? Do you wish there was a way to identify and avoid these pitfalls? Look no further! In this article, we will explore the 12 predictable and avoidable pitfalls that every project faces, providing you with valuable insights to overcome them.

1. Poorly Defined Objectives

One of the most common pitfalls is starting a project without clearly defined objectives. Without a clear understanding of what you want to achieve, it becomes challenging to stay on track and measure progress. To avoid this, it is crucial to establish SMART (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, and Time-bound) objectives that act as a roadmap to success.

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2. Inadequate Planning

The Triple Constraint Model

The angles of the Triangle represent the key constraints of Schedule (Time), Budget (Cost), and Scope (Work).

The more explicitly and accurately you define the constraints, the higher quality you achieve in project planning.

Budget Schedule Quality Scope

Another common mistake is insufficient planning. A well-thought-out plan helps allocate resources, set deadlines, and anticipate potential roadblocks. Take the time to thoroughly plan every aspect of your project, ensuring that all necessary steps and contingencies are considered.

3. Lack of Stakeholder Engagement

"The Key to Project Success – Customer Happiness and How you Measure It"

Ignoring stakeholder engagement can lead to miscommunication, conflicts, and dissatisfaction. Engaging stakeholders throughout the project lifecycle ensures that their expectations are understood, and their concerns are addressed. Embrace collaboration and gather feedback regularly to keep everyone on the same page.

4. Insufficient Resource Allocation

Attempting to accomplish a project with insufficient resources is a recipe for failure. Properly allocate your team, budget, and materials to ensure that all necessary tasks can be completed effectively and efficiently.
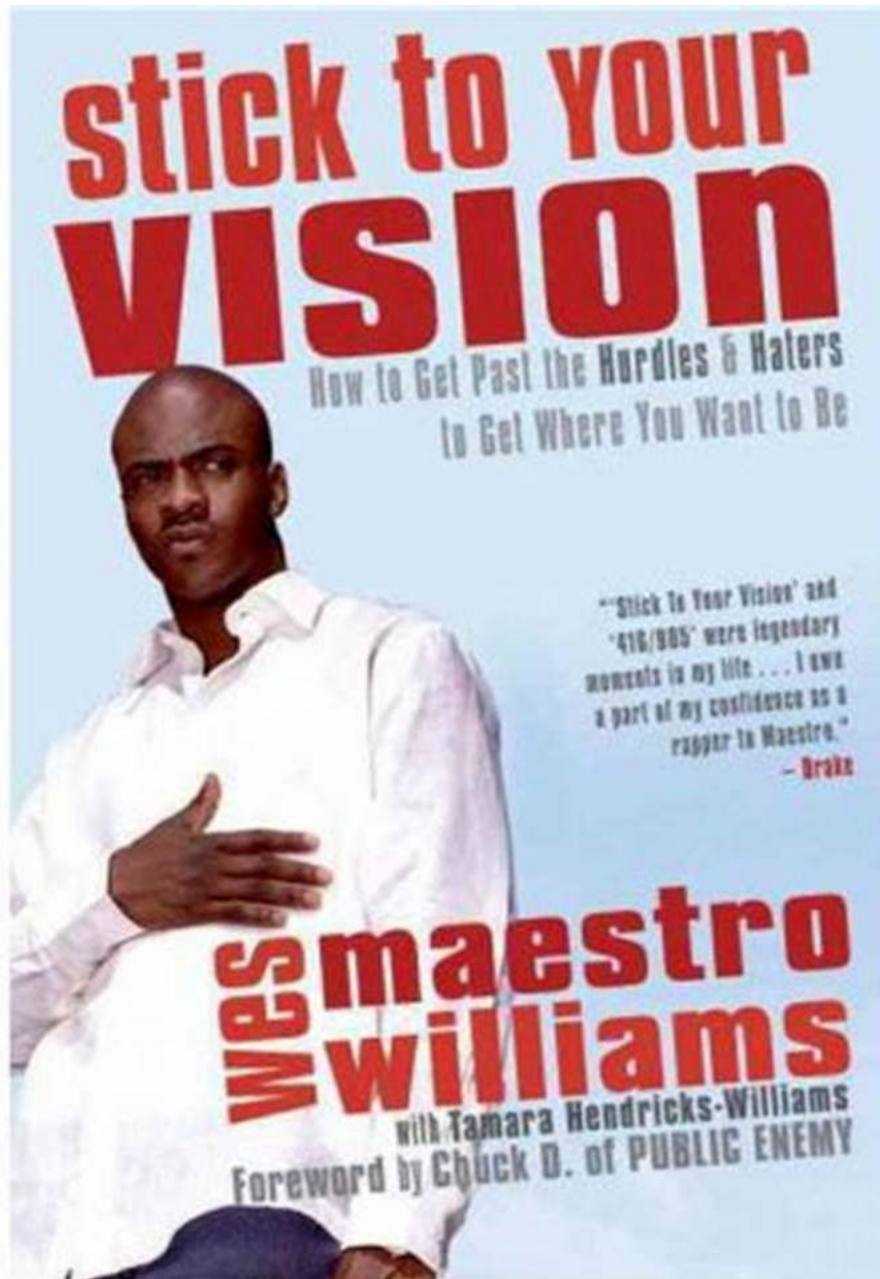
5. Poor Risk Management

Every project comes with inherent risks, but failing to address them can have grave consequences. Conduct a comprehensive risk assessment and create a mitigation plan. Regularly review and update this plan throughout the project, allowing you to proactively address potential issues.

6. Scope Creep

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How to Get Past the Hurdles & Haters
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a part of my confidence as a
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Scope creep refers to the uncontrolled expansion of a project's scope. This can lead to missed deadlines, increased costs, and a loss of focus. Clearly define and document project requirements, and be diligent in managing changes. Ensure any additions to the scope are assessed and approved to maintain project alignment.

7. Ineffective Communication

12 INCLUSIVE BEHAVIOURS

Four keys to collaboration

🔑 **Lean into discomfort**
Be willing to challenge self and others. Speak up - bring your voice and street corner.

🔑 **Listen as an ally**
Listen, listen, listen and engage. Be a partner.

🔑 **State your intent and intensity**
Clarify intent at outset: State notions, stakes, boulders and tombstones. Say what you mean and how much you mean it.

🔑 **Share street corners**
Accept others' thoughts and experiences as true for them. Hear others differences as additive.
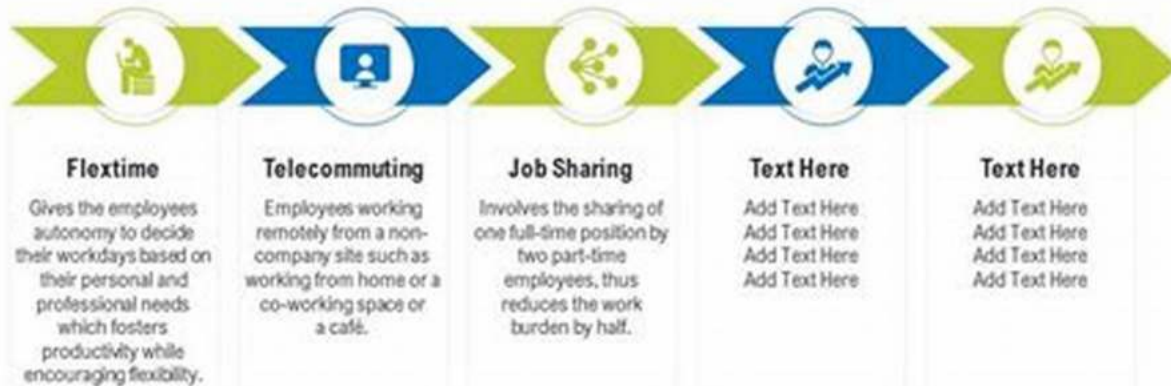
Judith Katz and Frederick Miller

Poor communication can hamper project progress and create misunderstandings. Establish effective communication channels and ensure all team members are aware of project updates, milestones, and expectations. Foster an environment where everyone feels comfortable providing feedback and asking questions.

8. Lack of Flexibility

Embrace Work Flexibility

This slide focuses on flexible work arrangements such as flextime, telecommuting, job sharing, etc. which contributes effectively to growing business.

Flextime
Gives the employees autonomy to decide their workdays based on their personal and professional needs which fosters productivity while encouraging flexibility.

Telecommuting
Employees working remotely from a non-company site such as working from home or a co-working space or a café.

Job Sharing
Involves the sharing of one full-time position by two part-time employees, thus reduces the work burden by half.

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Projects rarely go exactly as planned, so it is essential to embrace flexibility. Develop a contingency plan to address unexpected changes or obstacles. This way, you can adapt to new circumstances without disrupting the project's overall trajectory.

9. Unclear Roles and Responsibilities

Roles and responsibilities slide

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A lack of clarity regarding roles and responsibilities can lead to confusion, duplication of efforts, and frustration. Clearly define and communicate each team member's role, ensuring that everyone understands their contribution to the project's success.

10. Inadequate Monitoring and Evaluation

Without proper monitoring and evaluation, it becomes challenging to gauge project success and identify areas for improvement. Establish clear performance indicators and monitor them regularly. Evaluate your progress, learn from any setbacks, and make appropriate adjustments along the way.
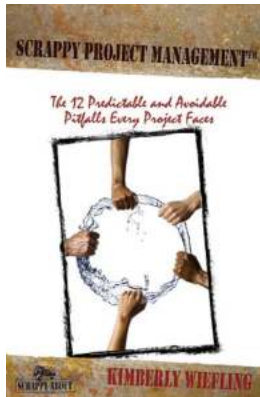
11. Failure to Learn from Past Projects

Repeatedly making the same mistakes is counterproductive. Analyze past projects to identify recurring issues and learn from them. Use these insights to refine your project management approach and avoid falling into familiar pitfalls.

12. Inadequate Time Management

Poor time management can create bottlenecks, delays, and an overall sense of chaos within a project. Develop a realistic schedule, set deadlines, and closely monitor progress. Prioritize tasks and allocate time accordingly, ensuring that everyone understands their deadlines and responsibilities.

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By recognizing and addressing these predictable and avoidable pitfalls, you can significantly increase the chances of project success. Take the time to consider

each potential hurdle and implement the necessary strategies to overcome them. With careful planning, effective communication, and ongoing evaluation, you can navigate your projects towards successful outcomes.

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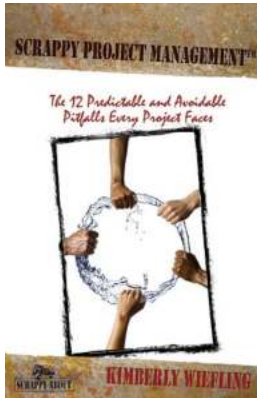
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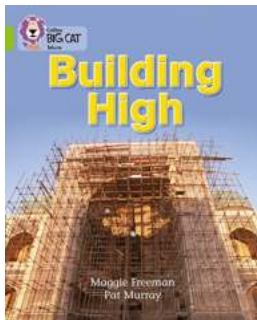
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