

The build broke

A major flaw was discovered
in the latest
production release

The schedule for the next major release is shortened a month, with no change in expected scope

A change in the code has
caused a lot of tests
to report failures

On the second day of the
Sprint, most of programmers
call in with the flu

The production server
crashed

The business has changed
their mind about the
functionality delivered
last week

The CEO was arrested
and is in jail

The company is being
acquired by a large company

The person who knows the
most about this project
just left the company

The datacenter catches fire
and destroys the code
repository, including the
backups which were onsite

The power goes out

The fire alarm goes off

The person you're talking
with gets a phone call
and leaves abruptly

The network goes down
connecting your system to
your system's dependencies

Everyone updates to the latest
version of the IDE, and
the project won't build

You receive your fourth phone
call from an executive wanting
to know when the
new feature will be ready

A squirrel gets into
the team room

CIO drops by
with a candidate and
asks you to interview them

CFO has some questions
about reporting details

Angry customer calls
about last week's release

The police call you;
they've arrested your mother

The CIO walks in
and says they're
reorganizing the department

The Scrum Master is insistent
with the CEO, and
gets fired on the spot

You're thinking about your
child who is at home
and very sick

You walk into the server room
and see smoke pouring
out of the server

The CIO offers you a job as
manager of another program

You discover a very
intermittent but
show-stopper behavior

The build server starts
emitting strange
error messages

For the third time in 2 months,
the business has assigned
a new person to
liaison with development

Someone spills a drink
in your keyboard

The manager's manager
is replaced and
they want to "fix things"