Ten Reasons Projects Fail

1. Inadequate Project Manager authority

2. Lack of team participation in planning

3. Lack of project team participation in problem solving

4. Improper structuring and use of status reports

5. Use of superficial status and progress reports

6. Inadequate Project Manager human skills

7. Inadequate Project Manager technical skills

8. Inadequate Project Manager administrative skills

9. Unrealistic project schedules

10. Unclear project goals

Avoiding Project Pitfalls

Project managers must constantly monitor their projects, anticipating possible problems and making sound decisions.

Problem	Solution
Lack of Information	• Request additional information from upper management.
Time Constraints	• Negotiate additional time. • Request additional resources. • Contract with a consultant.
Personnel changes	• Establish a fast track process for new members. • Assign a mentor/team member.
Financial constraints	• Negotiate level of quality • Decrease scope • Eliminate the non-essentials
Over-allocation/unavailability of critical resources	• Plan contingencies for critical resources • Shift resources from non-critical tasks
Loss of team member	• Plan backups for each critical team member • Replace with a new team member as soon as possible