

Information Sheet

Picket line guidelines



The picket line belongs to the union. To ensure it is a safe and happy place, here is a list of things you should do as well as things you shouldn't.

DO 🗸

Follow the direction of your Picket Captain.

Sign in and out at the beginning and end of your picket duty.

Keep the line moving!

Stay safe and healthy.

Follow your Picket Captain's directions for what to do and what to say if someone tries to cross the picket line.

Stay on message. When approached by the public, remain polite, listen to them, and share on one or two of the union's messages.

If someone is abusive or violent with you, disengage and report it to your Picket Captain right away.

Dress for the weather. Bring snacks and water.

Have fun!

Use social media guidelines provided by the Communications Committee.

DON'T 🗙

Follow the direction of security guards or the employer's picket line monitors.

Assume your Picket Captain will sign on your behalf.

Obstruct the general public from using the sidewalk or roadway at the picket line.

Put yourself at risk, especially with hostile drivers.

Argue, threaten or assault scabs or other people crossing the line. Refer problems to your Picket Captain.

Speak to the media. If approached, direct them to your Picket Captain – they will know who the Spokespeople are.

Speak to security guards or picket line monitors. Do not give them any personal information. Tell them to speak to your Picket Captain.

Damage property, put nails on the road or use picket signs as weapons.

Show up to picket drunk or stoned. Alcohol and drugs are not permitted on the picket line.

Post photos or disparaging remarks about your employer on social media.

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