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What can you as a member of management do and not do?

Don't TIPS

Do be a FOE

Do beware of symptoms

Do treat employees fairly



Supervisors are the Company's First Early Warning System for Signs of Union Activity

- Foresee the Union: learn to recognize early on signs of Union activity
- The longer a Union works without the Company's knowledge, the better chance the Union has to win an election



Ten Signs of Union Activity

- 1. Groups of employees act nervously or stop talking when supervisors approach
- 2. Unusual employee questions about wages, fringe benefits and working conditions. Use of union terminology such as "condolence pay" or "seniority" or "grievance"
- 3. Terminated employees meeting with your employees after work
- 4. Unusual friendliness to management personnel by employees who were previously unfriendly



Ten Signs of Union Activity (contd.)

- 5. A employee regularly leaving his work area to talk to employees in other areas
- 6. Employees coming on the property early or leaving late or congregating in the parking lot
- 7. Union leaflets/authorization cards in trash cans or littering the parking lot
- Employee questions about how the company feels about unions
- 9. Increased number of complaints or grievances
- 10. Increased use of phones, photocopiers or fax machines for personal business



Union Petitions

We are the Union!

We the undersigned employees of ______, authorize the United Automobile, Aerospace and Agricultural Implement Workers of America, UAW, to represent us in collective bargaining. We also authorize the UAW to use our names and this petition to show our support for the union.



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Petition Number: _		_
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Importance of the Union Authorization Card

 Once a Union obtains enough signed authorization cards from a Company's employees (30%) they have shown sufficient employee interest in order to obtain an election

METAL SAIN	AUTHORIZATION FOR REPRESENTATION
	I authorize a focal union of the international Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, to represent me in collective bargaining with my employer.
Name	(Please Print)
Address	Phone
City	SAMPSS #
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	Sr.
Employer	
Employer Department	
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