

# UFCW Local 1500 Picket Line

## Rules and Instructions

UFCW Local 1500 | 221-10 Jamaica Avenue | Queens Village, NY 11428 | [ufcwlocal1500.org](http://ufcwlocal1500.org)

If the members of UFCW Local 1500 that work for your employer vote to authorize a strike, we as a Union must then prepare for the real possibility that a strike against your company may take place.

Picket lines must be set up and maintained in an orderly and professional way. The following are rules for Picket Captains and all other picketers.

1. The Picket Captain has absolute authority to maintain discipline on the picket line. That authority includes, but is not limited to, removing picketers who engage in unlawful behavior.
2. All picketers must report to the Picket Captain when they both arrive and leave the picket line. Accurate records of all picket duty performed must be kept.
3. Report to the picket line at your work location only. Please arrive 15 minutes before your normally scheduled time.
4. For a variety of reasons, you may be asked to change your picket location. Please cooperate with these requests.
5. Please wear comfortable clothes. A jacket, rain gear, a hat, sunscreen, etc. are all appropriate. Please remember that how the public views us could determine their willingness to support us.
6. The Picket Captain will determine breaks and rest periods.
7. Please do not use the rest room of the employer you are striking.
8. Please do not litter in the picket area. Garbage bags will be provided. Police will be watching closely and you want to avoid getting a littering ticket.
9. Please talk politely to customers crossing the line and encourage them to support your effort.
10. The Picket Captain will keep incident reports. Those reports will be communicated to Strike Headquarters.
11. If no Picket Captain is present, contact your Union Representative so a substitute can be named.
12. Ignore all rumors while on the Picket Line. If necessary, report the rumor to Strike Headquarters.
13. Never abandon your picket line. If no replacement shows up, please contact Strike Headquarters.
14. **PLEASE DO NOT TALK TO REPORTERS.** Provide the reporter with Pat Purcell's cell number at 973-583-9651 or email at [joinus1500@aol.com](mailto:joinus1500@aol.com).
15. **THERE MUST BE NO DRUGS, ALCOHOL, VIOLENCE OR WEAPONS ON THE PICKET LINE.** The police will be watching at all times. Do not argue with the police. Have them contact Strike Headquarters.

**STRIKE HEADQUARTERS PHONE NUMBER IS 1-800-522-0456 EXT 245.** Please call Strike Headquarters if you have any questions or concerns. Someone will be at Strike Headquarters at all times picket lines are active.

