UNION FREE GUIDE

Part 1: Signs of Unionization in Your Restaurants

- **1.** A different, more qualified type of applicant applies
- 2. Employees who normally talk to management no longer do
- 3. Employees immediately stop talking when management approaches
- **4.** Employees start questioning management's authority
- **5.** Employees spend more time than usual on breaks
- **6.** Employees who are never seen together start talking; strange alliances form
- 7. The nature of employee complaints change and the frequency increases
- 8. Excessive critical and probing questions concerning policies and benefits occur
- **9.** Argumentative questions are asked of management in front of other employees
- **10.** "Group" complaints are made either directly or by petition





- **11.** A new leader "appears"
- **12.** Employees are divided into two groups hostility is evident
- 13. Good employee performance falls and poor employee performance increases
- **14.** Employee turnover increases
- 15. "Shop talk" changes to union terms such as seniority, grievance and bumping
- **16.** Union items such as contract settlements start appearing on bulletin boards and locker rooms. Ad slogans directing humorous barbs at the company also appear
- **17.** Any departure from the norm ooc out of character

Part 2: Engage employees in conversation so they know you care about them and maintaining a union free environment. Show them a union is not in their best interest!



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Your right to communicate without being asked!

Facts:

- **a.** 9 out of 10 private workers are non-union
- **b.** Union dues average 2 hours pay per month

Opinions:

- a. A union would interfere with the good things
- **b.** Don't sign a union card because...
- C. Unions do not have a place in today's competitive market

Examples:

- a. A company went under after 8 years with a union
- **b**. A company started out with 12,000 employees, after unionizing it has about 2,500
 - c. UAW helped force GM into bankruptcy
 - d. My last job was unionized and I got laid off



TIPS What you need to avoid!

THREATS: The Company will never:

- a. Sign a union contract
- **b.** Promote union supporters

INTERROGATION:

- a. Who is going to the union meeting tonight?
- **b.** How do you feel about the union?
- **C.** Raising the topic of unions in a management office or employee's home
- **d.** What are employees saying about the union?

PROMISES: If you vote against the Union:

- a. You will get a raise and/or promoted
- **b.** You will get that extra week's vacation

SPYING (SURVEILLANCE):

- a. Attending union meetings, even if invited
- b. Driving around the union hall's parking lot
- **c.** Telling people you know who was at the meeting even if you