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## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS FOR THOSE WHO CANNOT WORK DUE TO A LOCKOUT

**Q1: What is a lockout?**

**A1:** A lockout is when an employer stops you from working during a labor dispute.

**Q2: What is the difference between a strike and a lockout?**

**A2:** A strike is when workers choose to stop working. A lockout is when the employer makes workers stop working.

**Q3: I am not working because of a lockout. Can I file for unemployment?**

**A3:** Yes, you can file for unemployment.

**Q4: When should I file for unemployment?**

**A4:** File for unemployment as soon as the lockout makes you stop working.

**Q5: How do I file for unemployment?**

**A5:** Create an account online [HERE](#) and file a claim. When you answer the question below about your employer choose the answer that says you were locked out.

*Field(s) marked with an asterisk \* are required.*

Which of the following scenarios best describes your status with this employer? \*

Choose this answer:

I am on strike/lockout/[labor dispute](#) with this employer.

**Q6: What do I need to do after I file a claim?**

**A6:** After filing your claim, be sure to:

- File a voucher every week even if you haven't gotten benefits yet.
- Be ready and able to work full-time each week.
- Report any money you get.

**Q7: What does DWD do after I file a claim?**

**A7:** The DWD Appeals Department will handle claims from workers from the same employer. A judge will set up a group phone hearing. You will get a notice about this group phone hearing. You will be in the group hearing unless you tell DWD you want your own hearing. If you want your own hearing, it may take longer.

**Q8: Will I need to look for work during the lockout?**

**A8:** No, you don't have to look for work because you have a work search waiver.

**Q9: Will I be chosen for a Reemployment and Eligibility Assessment (RESEA)?**

**A9:** You shouldn't be. If you are, call one of the numbers below.

**Q10: Who should I contact if I have more questions?**

**A10:** Call [1-800-891-6499](tel:1-800-891-6499) or [317-232-7560](tel:317-232-7560) (TDD/TTY)