



REQUESTS TO SEE A STEWARD



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UNION REPRESENTATION

8. How should the situations be handled when an employee asks to see a steward or a steward requests time to process or continue processing a grievance and the steward is needed on his/her work assignment ?

RESPONSE:

Normally, 95% of the time, a union steward/employee will be released within two (2) hours of his/her request. If this condition cannot be met, the supervisor will notify the steward/employee of the reasons for the delay. Normally the steward/employee will be released before the end of the tour. However, if the steward/employee is not released within that time frame, the steward/employee must be released immediately upon the beginning of his/her next tour of duty. In the event a steward or employee is delayed until their next tour, the steward/employee should notify the supervisor of the prior request.

SOURCES: Area level agreement of the parties.