

What About Timekeeping: Employers may use any timekeeping method they choose. For example, they may use a time clock, have a timekeeper keep track of employee's work hours, or tell their workers to write their own times on the records. Any timekeeping plan is acceptable as long as it is complete and accurate.

The following is a sample timekeeping format employers may follow but are not required to do so:

DAY	DATE	IN	OUT	TOTAL HOURS
Sunday	6/3/07	-----	-----	-----
Monday	6/4/07	8:00am	12:02pm	
		1:00pm	5:03pm	8
Tuesday	6/5/07	7:57am	11:58am	
		1:00pm	5:00pm	8
Wednesday	6/6/07	8:02am	12:10pm	
		1:06pm	5:05pm	8
Thursday	6/7/07	-----	-----	-----
Friday	6/8/07	-----	-----	-----
Saturday	6/9/07	-----	-----	-----
Total Workweek Hours:				24

Employees on Fixed Schedules: Many employees work on a fixed schedule from which they seldom vary. The employer may keep a record showing the exact schedule of daily and weekly hours and merely indicate that the worker did follow the schedule. When a worker is on a job for a longer or shorter period of time than the schedule shows, the employer must record the number of hours the worker actually worked, on an exception basis.

Where to Obtain Additional Information

For additional information, visit our Wage and Hour Division Website: <http://www.wagehour.dol.gov> and/or call our toll-free information and helpline, available 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in your time zone, 1-866-4USWAGE (1-866-487-9243).

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