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## Díd you Know?

## 36 Reasons to thank a Union!!

Brought to you by:

- 1. Weekends without work
- 2. All breaks at work, including your lunch breaks
- 3. Paid vacation
- 4. Family & Medical Leave Act (FMLA)
- 5. Sick leave
- 6. Social Security
- 7. Minimum wage
- 8. Civil Rights Act/Title VII prohibits employer discrimination
- 9. 8-hour work day
- 10. Overtime pay
- 11. Child labor laws
- 12. Occupational Safety & Health Act (OSHA)
- 13. 40-hour work week
- 14. Workers' compensation (workers' comp) 32
- 15. Unemployment insurance
- 16. Pensions
- 17. Workplace safety standards and regulations
- 18. Employer health care insurance
- 19. Collective bargaining rights for employees
- 20. Wrongful termination laws

- 21. Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967 (ADEA)
- 22. Whistleblower protection laws
- 23. Employee Polygraph Protection Act (EPPA) - prohibits employers from using a lie detector test on an employee
- 24. Veteran's Employment and Training Services (VETS)
- 25. Compensation increases and evaluations (i.e. raises)
- 26. Sexual harassment laws
- 27. Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA)
- 28. Holiday pay
- 29. Employer dental, life, and vision insurance
- 30. Privacy rights
- 31. Pregnancy and parental leave
- ) 32. Military leave
  - 33. The right to strike

Note: Government employees are not permitted to strike.

- 34. Public education for children
- 35. Equal Pay Acts of 1963 & 2011 requires employers pay men and women equally for the same amount of work
- 36. Laws ending sweatshops in the United States

Resources:

- UnionPlus.org. http://www.unionplus.org/about/labor-unions/36-reasons-thank-union. . 7/25/2012