

# HOW TO PREPARE FOR HOTEL STRIKES

Thousands of hotel workers in cities across the U.S have voted to authorize strikes. Here's how travelers can prepare for possible hotel strikes this year:

- 1. Understand how a strike could affect your trip. Do not eat, meet, or sleep at a hotel that's on strike.**

A strike means that the workers who would normally be cleaning your room, scrubbing your toilet, changing your sheets, cooking your food, and helping with your bags are instead picketing outside the hotel. Hotels could suspend services while trying to operate with skeleton staffing, and picket lines will run outside the hotel for up to 24 hours a day. Do not eat, meet, or sleep at a hotel that's on strike.

- 2. Be proactive! Don't count on your hotel to warn you about a possible strike. Use the Labor Disputes Map at [FairHotel.org](https://www.fairhotel.org).**

Hotels rarely notify guests of a strike — even though there may be protests or reduced services that affect your stay. Use [FairHotel.org](https://www.fairhotel.org) to check for the latest updates on labor disputes, including whether a hotel is at risk of a strike, on strike, or under boycott.

- 3. Know your worth. Cancel your stay and demand a refund.**

If you learn that a hotel where you have a reservation is on strike or under boycott (or find out when you show up!) cancel your stay immediately. Demand a refund without a cancellation fee. The hotel has known for months about the potential for a labor dispute.

- 4. Traveling for a conference or wedding? Talk to the event organizer now.**

If you're traveling for an event like a conference or wedding, reach out to the organizer now and tell them you will not attend the event if there is a strike. Make sure the event contract has "protective language" so they can easily move in the event of a strike. There is model language on [FairHotel.org](https://www.fairhotel.org) that organizers can ask the hotel to insert into the contract.

## WHY IS THIS HAPPENING?

Hotel workers are at a breaking point. Our wages aren't enough to support our families, and workloads are harder and more painful than ever. We've been in negotiations for months, but the hotels have not agreed to give us what we need.

**Please support the hardworking people who would normally be taking care of you. Never cross a picket line.**

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