

**ARTICLE 24 - ABSENCE FROM DUTY**

(a) An employee unable to report for duty will, unless prevented by reasons beyond his control, notify his immediate supervisor or other central point set up for reporting purposes by the Company as far in advance of the scheduled starting time of his shift as possible. Notwithstanding the above, an employee may flex the starting time (FRL), up to fifteen (15) minutes without pay or penalty to the attendance record, twice per calendar year.

(b) The Company acknowledges the right of an employee to use his sick leave benefit for the purpose intended in this Agreement, as set forth in Article 34. Accordingly, no employee will be disciplined for the use of his sick leave benefit for that purpose.