

Food, Beverage, Lodging and Swimming Pool Licensing and Inspection

The State of Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) now does the licensing and inspection of lodging establishments and public swimming pools.

Lodging

Hotel/Motel, Rooming House, Bed & Breakfast

If you have MDH questions or for license information contact:

Minnesota Department of Health, Food, Pools, and Lodging Services Section at (651) 201-4500.

See the following websites for additional information:

www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/food/license/fblestdef.html

http://mn.gov/elicense/licenses/licensedetail.jsp?URI=tcm:29-2888&CT_URI=tcm:29-117-32

Public Swimming Pools

"Public pool" means any pool other than a private residential pool, that is: (1) open to the public generally, whether for a fee or free of charge; (2) open exclusively to members of an organization and their guests; (3) open to residents of a multiunit apartment building, apartment complex, residential real estate development, or other multifamily residential area; (4) open to patrons of a hotel or lodging or other public accommodation facility; or (5) operated by a person in a park, school, licensed child care facility, group home, motel, camp, resort, club, condominium, manufactured home park, or political subdivision with the exception of swimming pools at licensed family day care homes.

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Food Sales Licensing & Inspection

The licensing and inspection of food establishments and food vendors at special events will be done by either the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) or Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA). State responsibilities for licensing and inspections will be based on the principal mode of food business (More than 50% of the food sales).

MDH RESPONSIBILITIES

Permanent and Mobile Establishments

- Restaurant, Deli, Snackbar
- Catering Operation
- Coffee Shop
- Cafeteria (Schools, Office Buildings, etc.)
- Mobile Food Vehicles (Food Trucks, Trailers, Carts)

Special Events, Fairs, Festivals

- Beverage Concession (sales of soft drinks and beer)
- Ice Cream Dipping
- Ice Milk
- Food Service Concessions (sandwiches and/or meals, food items other than those listed under MDA)
- Milk (poured or dispensed from original containers)

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MDA RESPONSIBILITIES

Permanent Establishments

- Grocery/Convenience Stores
- Bakeries
- Food Vending Machines
- Food Shelves
- Butcher Shops

Special Events, Fairs, Festivals, Mobile Food Vehicles/Carts

Predominate sales consist of:

- Candy Floss
- Popcorn
- Caramel Corn
- Caramelized Apples
- Candy Manufacturing
- Donut Manufacturing
- Fruit Concessions
- Ice Cream Bars (wrapped)
- Snow Cones
- Retail Food Sales (prepackaged milk, meats, peanuts, fruits, etc.)

If you have any questions or for license information contact:

Minnesota Department of Agriculture, Dairy and Food Inspection Division at (651) 201-6027 or the licensing help line at (651) 201-6062.