

Questions?

If you have any questions about the information in this brochure please call the Craven County Health Department, Environmental Health Division
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PROVIDING FOOD FOR YOUR PATRONS:

**When to
Contact the
Health
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So you want to provide food for your customers...

What do you do next?

In North Carolina, facilities that provide food for pay must obtain a permit from their local health department and meet all of the regulations found in the Rules Governing the Sanitation of Restaurants and Other Foodhandling Establishments NCAC 18A .2600. However, some establishments may require a permit even if they provide food at no cost to their customers.

You are offering FREE food for your customers...

Do you need to contact the health department?

Yes, if you have an ABC permit. North Carolina General Statute 130A-248 requires those establishments which hold an ABC permit to meet the same regulations as those which provide food for pay.

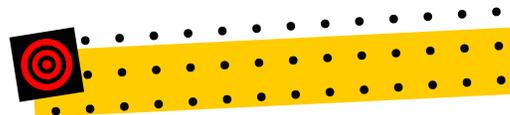


What about special events?

The same rules apply for special events including (but not limited to): super bowl parties, birthday parties, pig pickings, etc. If your establishment holds an ABC permit and you want to provide certain foods for your customers, regardless of pay, you would need to contact your local health department.

Are there any foods I can serve without obtaining a permit from the health department?

Yes! Non-potentially hazardous foods may be served freely. Non-potentially hazardous foods include (but are not limited to): pretzels, popcorn, nuts, crackers, and other dry foods which would not support the growth of harmful bacteria. Please call our office if you have any questions about food being defined as potentially hazardous or safe for you to serve.



Are there any exceptions?

Yes! If your facility meets the following definition of a private club you are exempt. Private club (as defined by NC GS 130A-247): an organization that maintains selective members, is operated by the membership, does not provide food or lodging for pay to anyone who is not a member or a member's guest, and is either incorporated as a nonprofit corporation in accordance with Chapter 55A of the General Statutes or is exempt from federal income tax under the Internal Revenue Code as defined in G.S. 105-130.2(1).

Would I ever need a permit if I am only selling drinks?

If ANY establishment (ABC permit or not) sells or provides drinks in multi-use glasses (the ones you have to wash between customers) a permit from the health department would be required.

