

Charitable Bake Sales

It is recommended that bake sales organized by community organizations (e.g. churches, schools, and other charitable organizations) achieve/meet the criteria outlined below.

A permit **is not** required

- ◆ for bake sales where home-prepared foods are provided by the organization's members. [Section 2(2) Food Regulation]

What are the guidelines you need to follow when planning a bake sale?

- ◆ All foods must be protected from unnecessary handling and potential contamination by fully wrapping all baked goods with new, clear food-grade plastic.
- ◆ It is recommended that wrapped baked items be labeled with the **baker's name, address, and phone number** in order to identify the source of the product.
- ◆ It is recommended that a list of ingredients be available, in order to identify any potential allergens that a customer may be allergic to.
- ◆ All baking ingredients must come from an approved source.
- ◆ It is recommended that only food products considered to be "**low-risk non-potentially hazardous**" be distributed to the public.

What is considered a "**low-risk non-potentially hazardous**" food?

- ◆ Cookies
- ◆ Bread or buns
- ◆ Sweet dough bakery items (i.e. doughnuts)
- ◆ Fruit pies
- ◆ Jellyrolls
- ◆ Cakes
- ◆ Squares
- ◆ Canned jams and jellies



What is considered a "**high-risk potentially hazardous**" food?

- ◆ Cream éclairs
- ◆ Cream puffs
- ◆ Cakes or pies that contain potentially hazardous ingredients (i.e. cream cheese, meringue or pudding fillings)
- ◆ Dairy products such as milk, cream yogurt, cottage cheese, or butter



What else do I need to know?

- ◆ Individuals who are providing/distributing products for the bake sale must practice good standards of housekeeping and good personal hygiene.
- ◆ Food display tables/counters must be kept clean.
- ◆ The general bake sale area must be maintained in a clean and sanitary condition.
- ◆ If samples are provided, precautions are to be taken to prevent contamination of the product.

For more information, please contact your nearest Environmental Public Health Services office.