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Does your Facility have a Food Safety Certification?

According to **Sections 113947.1 – 113947.5 of the California Health and Safety Code (CHSC)**, each food facility shall have an “owner or employee who has successfully passed an approved and accredited food safety certification examination. There shall be at least one **Food Safety Certified** owner or employee at each food facility that prepares or handles unpackaged potentially hazardous food. No certified person at a food facility may serve at any other food facility as the certified person.” The Food Safety Certificate holder shall train other employees according to their duties in safe food handling, preparation, and service.

- The certificate expires five years from the date of original issuance. Certified individuals shall be recertified every five years. If a food facility changes ownership or loses a certified person, that food facility shall have 60 days to obtain another certified person.

Information may be accessed by calling the California Restaurant Association at 1-800-765-4842, or on the Internet at www.calrest.org and the National Restaurant Association at www.NRAEF.org. Both of these sites can help with books, review material, and online study assistance for the class and exam. Health Departments from other Counties, Red Cross, Sysco, NSF and other commercial institutions offer classes. Please review the following list for your consideration:

Mendocino County Health Department:	1-707-234-6625
Sonoma County Health Department:	1-707-565-6531
Yuba College (Clearlake)	1-707-995-7900
AAA Food Handler Training School: (English, Spanish)	1-877-222-3487
American Food Safety Institute:	1-800-723-3873
Calvada Food Service:	1-800-507-3663
Food Safety Now! (English, Spanish, Chinese)	1-800-396-1417
Safe-at-the-Plate:	1-888-804-7233
All About Safe Food	1-707-480-7061
Northbay Food Safety	1-707-364-4143
Sonoma Food Safety (English, Spanish)	1-707-773-2774
Shannon Holt-Marengi	1-707-986-7168

According to CHSC Sections 113947.1 to 113947.5 “...inclusive, the law considers this violation an infraction and allows a fine of not more than \$100.00 for each day of operation in violation”.

Please provide our office with a copy of the Food Safety Certification for your food facility file record. If you have any questions or concerns, we can be reached at (707) 263-1164.

Our mission is to promote and protect the health of the people of Lake County through education and the enforcement of public health laws.