



# County of San Diego

## DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH FOOD AND HOUSING DIVISION

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Dear Myekah Beond,

Thank you for contacting the County of San Diego, Department of Environmental Health, Food and Housing Division. We received your inquiry letter via US postal service mail. We inspect Restaurants, food trucks and food carts, public swimming pools, public apartments and hotels, massage facilities, and body art facilities. The following is in response to your questions from a Food and Housing Division perspective:

1. When inspecting businesses, what dress code does the Health Department require for employees?  
Food service employees are required to wear clean outer clothing to prevent contamination of food, equipment, utensils, linens, and single-use articles. Body artists must wear clean outer clothing and appropriate personal protective equipment. There is no specification as to what this clothing must be. There is not an employee dress code for other non-food/body art businesses that Food and Housing inspects.
2. How often do Health Inspections happen in non-food handling businesses (i.e. call centers, general offices, radio stations, etc)?  
Food and Housing Division inspects the following non-food businesses: Body Art facilities (1x per year), swimming pools/spas (1-2x per year), massage facilities (1x per year), and apartments/hotels/motels (1x18 months).
3. What are the dress code requirements for customers as opposed to employees?  
There is not an established dress code for customers set forth for any of the facilities that Food and Housing Division inspects.
4. If our business were to allow patrons to come in barefoot, would we be violating any laws? If so, what is the fine for a business if they are seen selling an item to a barefoot customer? (Food or no food)  
There is not an established requirement for customers to wear shoes in any of the facilities the Food and Housing Division inspects.

If you have any inquiries in the future, please contact me at [FHDutyEH@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:FHDutyEH@sdcounty.ca.gov) or call 858-505-6900.

Respectfully,



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