

Hello Mr. Kelman,

Thank you for your letter. The Oregon Health Authority oversees the licensing, inspection and enforcement programs for food service, public pool and tourist facilities in Oregon. Our regulations do not apply to private establishments or employees. You may want to contact the Oregon Occupational Safety and Health Administration for questions about employee safety, clothing and footwear.

In food service establishments, our regulations do not require that employees or customers wear shoes, only that employee clothing, hands and arms be clean. I have included the rule citations below.

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2-301.11 Clean Condition.

Food employees shall keep their hands and exposed portions of their arms clean.

2-304.11 Clean Condition.

Food employees shall wear clean outer clothing to prevent contamination of food, equipment, utensils, linens, and single service and single-use articles.

<https://www.oregon.gov/oha/PH/HEALTHYENVIRONMENTS/FOODSAFETY/Documents/foodsantiationrulesweb.pdf>

If you have any additional questions or need additional information, please let me know.

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