Food Safety Program

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Environmental Health protects public health through its multi-faceted regulatory roles.
This program ensures that all retail food is stored, prepared and served to the public in a safe manner.

• 8,000 Permitted Retail Food Facilities in San Francisco

• Restaurants, Schools, Take-Out, Fast Food, Mobile Food Trucks, Certified Farmers Markets, Bars, Markets, Bakeries, Temporary Event (Street Fairs), Sporting Events, Cottage Food Facilities, Caterers, Summer Lunch Program

• Conducts plan check reviews to ensure that structural and equipment installations are code compliant

• Number of Staff: 44
• Budget: $9 Million
Our Role In Public Health

• Unannounced risk based inspections

What we look for during an inspection
• Poor personal hygiene
• Food from unsafe sources
• Inadequate cooking temperatures
• Improper holding temperatures
• Contaminated equipment/cross contamination
• Vermin Infestation
• Lack of hot running water
• Improper rapid cooling of food

Education
• Providing onsite training to ensure long term success
• Demonstrating and teaching safe food handling procedures
• Providing classroom food safety certification courses
• Availing staff’s multilingual skills

Regulatory Duties
• Inspection/re inspection reports issued
• Address public complaints and foodborne illnesses
• Temporarily suspend permits for imminent risk(s)
• Abatement Conference Hearings
• Director of Public Health Hearing
CHALLENGES

- Improper food handling
- Illegal installation of grease trap
- Rodent entry point
- Sewage contamination
Transformations

Before

After
Community Outreach and Education
Online Food Permit Application

• First in the State
• Award Winning
• Future is Now
Public Notification

- Scoring System was adopted in 2004
- High Risk Violation 7 point deduction
- Moderate Risk Violation 4 point deduction
- Low Risk Violation 2 Point deduction
- Public posting of current Inspection Report
- Score Card
Bay Area Counties
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