

Information Regarding Nonprofit Organizations

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What does the Hendricks County Health Department consider a “nonprofit organization”?

Many nonpublic schools, religious organizations, and nonprofit organizations are not included in the definition of a food establishment, and therefore are not regulated by the Hendricks County Health Department.

Examples of establishments that are not regulated and are not inspected by the Hendricks County Health Department for food safety include many of the following:

- Nonprofit organizations operating for not more than fifteen (15) days in a calendar year, including bake sales, dinners, and fish fries
- All church bake sales and dinners
- All parochial/private schools concession stands and bake sales.

To review the definition of a food establishment, please visit the following link to Indiana Code and scroll down to Section 137: <http://www.in.gov/legislative/ic/code/title16/ar18/ch2.html>

What are my responsibilities as a nonprofit organization?

Exempt organizations are **not required** to notify the Hendricks County Health Department and are exempt from inspection. If your organization would like to notify the Hendricks County Health Department of your exempt status, please contact our office at (317) 745-9217 or email Lisa Chandler at lchandler@co.hendricks.in.us.

Where can I find information on food safety?

Food safety information may be obtained online at http://www.fsis.usda.gov/Fact_Sheets/Cooking_for_Groups_index/index.asp (“Cooking for Groups: A Volunteer’s Guide to Food Safety”) or by calling our office at (317) 745-9217.