

State of Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

Parris N. Glendening, Governor - Martin P. Wasserman, M.D., J.D., Secretary



Public Health Services
Georges Benjamin, M.D., Deputy Secretary

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Dear Mr. Shakely:

Thank you for your letter to Secretary Martin P. Wasserman requesting information regarding the requirements for wearing shoes in various businesses. He has asked me to respond on his behalf.

Please be advised that there are no regulations mandated by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene requiring that shoes be worn by customers in businesses. I am sure, however, that you can appreciate the entrepreneur's concern for the safety of his patrons. That is why many request foot protection to help prevent injury while patronizing their business. It is my understanding that some insurance companies may require foot protection in facilities that they insure.

If you have any questions, or wish to discuss this issue further, please contact Mr. Alan Taylor, Director, Office of Food Protection and Consumer Health Services at (410) 767-8400.

Sincerely,

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