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Dear Mr. Sands,

I am in receipt of your letter dated November 24, 2010 regarding your question if Maine has any regulations, codes, laws, or any other specific requirements that customers or patrons of a business must wear shoes or other footwear while inside a grocery store, convenience store, restaurant, or other businesses.

The Health Inspection Program only licenses and inspects eating establishments so I cannot speak to other businesses. The Maine Food Code does not have a requirement that patrons must wear shoes or other footwear inside an eating establishment. I am not aware of any other state rules that would apply. This would be a business practice or rule.

Sincerely,

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