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Dear Sir or Madam,

I would appreciate a brief response to the following question:  
Does the state of North Carolina or the North Carolina Department of Health have any law or regulation that requires shoes or other footwear for the general public (i.e., patrons) in places open to the public such as restaurants, retail establishments, libraries, schools, etc.?

I ask this, in part, because some restaurants and establishments have signs at entrances that read, "Shoes required, by order of the Health Dept."

A brief, one sentence response either outlining any relevant regulations (with citation) or the lack thereof is all I ask.

Thank you in advance for your kind assistance.

Sincerely,



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The health agencies do not have such a power, nor do I know of any agency that had that authority.



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