



STATE OF NEW YORK DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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Richard F. Daines, M.D.
Commissioner

Wendy E. Safunders
Executive Deputy Commissioner

April 30, 2009

Dear Mr. Blechner:

Thank you for your letter of April 2, 2009 to Commissioner Richard F. Daines, M.D. regarding Department of Health requests for patrons to wear shoes or other footwear in retail establishments, including restaurants.

While it is common to see signs displayed at retail establishments that require shoes to be worn by "order of the Health Department", in reality, there are no such Health Department orders or regulations in New York State.

If you have any additional questions concerning this issue, please contact Barbara Gerzonich at (800) 458-1158 ext. 27600.

Sincerely,

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