



**DIVISION OF
HEALTH SYSTEMS
DEVELOPMENT AND
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Health Protection
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Dear Mr. Rupprecht:

The office is in receipt of your request for information concerning any laws, codes or regulations requiring patrons in retail foodservice establishment, retail stores or retail food stores to wear shoes or other footwear.

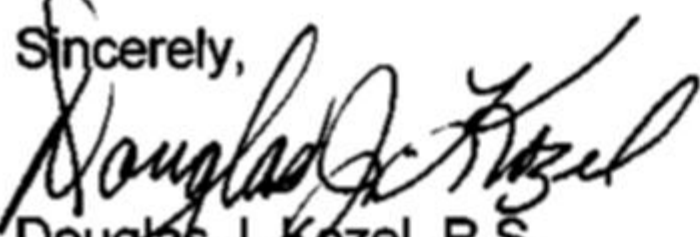
The South Dakota Department of Health does not have any rules or regulations that would require customers or patrons to wear shoes or footwear of any style or type.

Requirements for any dress codes for patrons in these establishments would be up to the establishment owner/operator and would be enforced by said owner or operator.

The South Dakota Department of Health does have rules governing general employee practices for foodservice employees. This would include clothing and footwear.

If our department can be of any assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,


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