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Dear Dr. Penn:

Thank you for your recent letter requesting information on Wisconsin requirements for wearing footwear while in a public facility.

A review of several Wisconsin Administrative Codes found that most codes related to food production (ATCP 55, ATCP 75), medical facilities (DHS 124), and Tattooing/Body Piercing (SPS 221) have regulations requiring employees to wear clean outer garments, including shoes. However, these codes do not address customers being required to wear specific clothing or footwear. In these situations, discretion to require customers to wear shoes or other garments is left to the business owner.

Please note that as a "Home-Rule" state, Wisconsin does allow local municipalities and county jurisdictions to promulgate local requirements that may be more restrictive than state administrative rules. Therefore, you may wish to check with the businesses or local health agencies in the localities that you intend to stay in while traveling to Wisconsin.

Again, thank you for your question. Enjoy your future visit to Wisconsin!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeffrey Phillips".

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