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Hello Shannah,

I am writing you in response to your question about food code rules in Utah for people with bare feet in food establishments. In Utah we adopt the 2013 FDA Food Code as part of our Utah Food Safety and Sanitation Rule R70-530. The Food Code does not address bare foot customers walking in public areas of food establishments and I am not aware any laws or rules from the State of Utah that require food wear for customers. There may be some requirements from OSHA in regards to foot wear for employees for the protection of their feet from injury.

The Utah Department of Agriculture and Food has jurisdiction of the Grocery Stores, other retail food stores and manufactured food processing facilities. In Utah the Health Departments for each county have jurisdiction to inspect all the food service facilities such as fast food and restaurants. I have forwarded a copy of your letter to the State Health Departments to respond to you about the food service facilities. They also adopt the FDA Food Code and their rule is consistent with our rule in regards the bare feet subject.

You are correct with regards to these businesses having the right to their own rules for footwear in their stores. I hope this letter answered your question.

Respectfully,

Jay Schvaneveldt
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