



May 16, 2017

Dear Mr. Rupprecht:

Your letter dated May 11, 2017 has been received in our office here at the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS). Our Public Sanitation and Retail Food Safety Group has reviewed this matter and are not aware of any DSHS regulations that require shoes to be worn in a business. The Texas Food Establishment Rules (TFER) requires food service workers to wear clean outer clothing [TFER Section 228.163 (m)], but does not mention shoes. There is nothing regulating the wearing of shoes in any of our rules/statutes; that is at the discretion of the owner of the establishment to make that call.

Your letter did not have an email address or phone number where I could have contacted you sooner with a response. Thanks for contacting the Department of State Health Services. If you need anything further, do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank You,

Department of State Health Services
System Coordination Unit