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June 28, 2017

Dear Mr. Sands:

I am a food safety specialist with the Washington State Department of Health and am responding to your letter forwarded to me dated June 6, 2017.

You requested a brief response as to whether there are rules, laws, or regulations at the state level to address footwear requirements for customers or patrons in restaurants, grocery, or convenience stores. Washington does not have rules, laws, or regulations specific to this issue. The Washington State Department of Labor and Industries does have footwear requirements for employees in restaurants, groceries, and convenient stores. These specific requirements do not apply to customers.

Please let me know if I can help further.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Joe Graham".

Joe Graham, Food Safety Specialist
Food Safety Program