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Dear Mr. Sands,

Thank you for your letter requesting clarification of the rules relating to footwear in restaurants in Oregon. The Oregon Health Authority, through the Foodborne Illness Prevention Program, oversees food safety in restaurants that serve the public. In these facilities, our Food Sanitation Rules do not require that patrons wear footwear while in the establishment.

However, a restaurant can establish a policy that patrons are required to wear shoes, but it is not a health department requirement.

If you have other questions, please feel free to contact me at (971) 673-3283 or [david.c.martin@state.or.us](mailto:david.c.martin@state.or.us).

Sincerely,

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