

Food Establishment Risk Based Classification System

Northeast Tri County Health District classifies food establishments based on risk. The risk factors most often contributing to foodborne illness outbreaks have been identified by the Washington State Department of Health. These risk factors will be used when evaluating the menu of food served to determine classification of the food establishment. Our goal is to minimize foodborne illness by spending more time in the establishments with the most risk factors and helping them to reduce risks through education and enforcement.

The risk factors that will be used to determine the classification of food establishments are below. One point will be awarded for each risk factor associated with the menu of foods served. The total number of points awarded will determine the classification of the food establishment. The classification of the food establishment will determine the annual permit fee and frequency of inspection.

Risk Factors

- Bare Hand Contact:** Potential for bare hand contact with ready-to-eat foods
- Cold Holding:** Cold holding of potentially hazardous foods
- Hot Holding:** Hot holding of potentially hazardous foods
- Cooking:** Cooking of potentially hazardous foods (does not include heating commercially, pre-cooked foods)
- Cooling:** Cooling of potentially hazardous foods
- Reheating:** Reheating of potentially hazardous foods
- Produce Washing:** Washing produce to serve as a ready to eat food
- Highly Susceptible Population:** Establishment primarily serves a population at a higher risk of foodborne illness (pre-school age children, senior citizens)

Point Scale

Basic Food Establishment 1-2 points	Limited Food Establishment 3-5 points	Complex Food Establishment 6 or more points
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