

SKAGIT COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

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Bake Sales in Skagit County

Baked goods may be offered (for sale or free) in Skagit County without a permit from the Public Health Department only under the following conditions:

- ◆ They meet the definition **Non-Potentially Hazardous** (see definition below).

and

- ◆ The baked goods are prepared and wrapped in a sanitary manner for sale or service by a **non-profit organization operating for religious, charitable or educational purposes**. This would include food prepared for donation to a charity kitchen (food distribution organization).

Definition: Non-potentially hazardous baked goods include items that do not require refrigeration to remain safe and do not support the growth of hazardous organisms. These include things like breads, cookies or fruit pies. It does **not** include cream or pumpkin pies, breads or pastries filled with meats, custards, or other hazardous ingredients as they support the growth of organisms which can cause food borne illness.

It is important that all people involved in the production and sale of these foods maintain good personal hygiene (washing hands, using clean equipment); and use gloves, napkins, tongs, or other barriers to prevent bare-hand contact with the baked goods.

The consumer must be informed by sign or placard that the baked goods are prepared in a kitchen not inspected by a regulatory authority.

All items must be pre-wrapped and protected from contamination.

A list of ingredients shall be available indicating at the minimum the most common potential allergens:

Wheat, eggs, dairy, tree nuts, peanuts, soybeans, fish, Crustacean shellfish

Any other baked goods or those not offered through a Charity Bake Sale or for donation to a Charity Kitchen (food bank) require permitting from our Department.

For further information, please contact the Food Safety Program at 360-416-1500.