

# Wine & Beer Tasting

Retail establishments offering wine or beer samples may need to seek a Health District Food Establishment Permit depending upon the way they serve the wine or beer and whether they also serve potentially hazardous\* foods.

## IF YOU OFFER ONLY WINE AND BEER SAMPLES

- You do not need a Health District permit if you offer samples offered in a single-use cup or in glasses that will be washed at an approved facility. A hand washing sink is recommended, but not required.
- You do need a permit if you offer samples in glasses you want to wash on site.

## IF YOU OFFER FOOD WITH WINE AND BEER SAMPLES

### A PERMIT IS NOT REQUIRED WHEN:

- You serve only non-potentially hazardous, ready-to-eat food items directly out of the package without direct hand contact. Examples include pretzels, crackers, bread, roasted nuts or roasted candy-coated nuts, popcorn or kettle korn, deep-fried pork skins;
  - You must dispense food items in the original package or directly into/onto a single-use container from the original food package;
  - You must provide tongs to prevent direct hand contact of food items;
- You serve only non-potentially hazardous, ready-to-eat food items that have been produced in a licensed facility (caterer or supermarket deli), such as trays of precut hard cheese (Swiss, cheddar, Colby), precut fruit (except melons), and precut vegetables.
  - You must provide tongs to prevent direct hand contact of food items.
  - A hand washing sink is recommended but not required

### A PERMIT IS REQUIRED WHEN:

- You serve meat or other potentially hazardous foods; or
- You prepare food at your facility including such activities as slicing, washing, cooling, hot holding, and/or assembling food items.

\*Potentially Hazardous Foods: Bacteria that cause foodborne illness grow in certain foods. These foods are called Potentially Hazardous Foods. Potentially hazardous foods include meat, fish, poultry, seafood, eggs, dairy products; cooked rice, beans, pasta, potatoes; cooked vegetables, tofu, sprouts, and cut melons.



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