

Requirements for Special Events held by Groups Exempt from the Ontario Food Premises Regulation

Special Events operated by religious organizations, service clubs, or fraternal organizations are subject to exemption from the Ontario Food Premises Regulation. The exemption only applies if the following conditions are met:

1. A notice is posted notifying the public that the food premises has not been inspected in accordance with the Ontario Food Premises Regulation. Contact the health unit for copies of the appropriate signage or download a copy from the website.
2. The operator of the premises must keep a list of foods donated to the event along with the name, address and phone number of the donors of the food if the food originates from an uninspected premises.

An exemption to the Ontario Food Premises Regulation means that the premises will not be inspected for compliance with the regulation. However, the premises must still comply with the Health Protection and Promotion Act (HPPA) and may be inspected under the Act. The following are requirements for food premises under the HPPA:

1. The operator must **notify** the health unit, in writing, of their intention to operate (hold the event).
2. The food premises must be maintained free of health hazards. A health hazard means a condition of a premises; a substance, thing, plant or animal other than man; or a solid, liquid, gas or combination of any of them, that has or that is likely to have an adverse effect on the health of any person.
3. No person shall sell or offer for sale any food that is unfit for human consumption by reason of disease, adulteration, impurity or other cause.
4. No person shall sell, offer for sale, deliver or distribute milk or cream that has not been pasteurized.

