



Using Commercial Kitchens

What you Need to Know



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Food businesses using a commercial kitchen must:

- Have a Washington State business license
- Be licensed and inspected by either the Kitsap Health District or WSDA

The type of food business you have determines how you are permitted

Temporary food establishments are those which serve food occasionally or at events such as fairs and bake sales. They are inspected & permitted by the Kitsap Health District

Some food business can work out of a home kitchen through the WSDA Cottage Food Law.

If you are selling at Farmer's Markets, restaurants, grocery stores and/or fall in these categories:

- Processors who sell 5% or more of their processed food products through wholesale distribution networks (unless not licensed and inspected by any other agency).
- Bakeries that sell more than 25% of their products wholesale.
- Processors who process low acid canned foods (i.e. canned fish, vegetables or retorted pouches of fish, vegetables, etc.) whether retail or wholesale

These are inspected & permitted by the WSDA