



FOOD SAFETY MANAGERS

Davis
COUNTY

Environmental Health Services Division

Frequently Asked Questions

What is a certified food safety manager?

A food safety manager is a supervisor or manager with the authority to direct and control food preparation and service that has successfully completed an approved food safety manager course. State law requires that each food service establishment is managed by at least one full-time certified food safety manager.

Are there any exceptions to the requirement to employ a certified food safety manager?

There are a few exceptions to this requirement. The types of food establishments that are exempt from being required to have a certified food safety manager include:

- Temporary Food Establishments
- Health Care Facilities
- Bed & Breakfast Establishments
- Back Country Food Establishments
- Child Care Providers
- Charitable Events Feeding Disadvantaged Groups Free of Charge
- Lowest Risk Food Establishments

How do I become a certified food safety manager in Davis County?

In order to become a certified food safety manager in Davis County you must successfully complete a food safety manager course from an approved provider and have the documentation available at the food service establishment. This documentation will be requested during health department inspections and entered into a database to complete the certification process.

How long is my manager certificate valid?

Several of the approved food safety manager courses are nationally recognized courses. The length of time that the certificates are valid varies depending on which state you work in. Because of this, some certificates are printed with five year expiration dates. In the state of Utah, however, certified food safety manager certificates are only valid for three years from the date that the food safety manager course was completed, regardless of the printed expiration date.

What courses are approved to become a food safety manager?

The Utah Department of Health maintains a current list of approved food safety manager certification providers on their [webpage](#).

Does the Davis County Health Department offer an approved food safety manager training?

Currently, the Davis County Health Department does not offer the food safety manager training.

What are the duties of a certified food safety manager?

Certified food safety managers are responsible for establishing practices and procedures that protect public health by preventing foodborne illnesses. Along with this, certified food safety managers ensure that the food establishment, its employees, and its practices comply with all applicable rules and regulations.

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Is a certified food safety manager required to be present during all hours of operation?

Although, certified food safety managers are not required to be present during all hours of operation, they are required to be full-time employees of the food service establishment. It is required, however, that there is a designated person in charge during all hours of operation. The person-in-charge is not required to have training equivalent to the food safety manager, but must have knowledge of the food safety procedures and operations within the facility.

If I am a certified food safety manager, do I also have to obtain a food handler permit?

Certified food safety managers are exempt from the requirement to obtain a food handler permit since the manager training they receive is typically much more in-depth than a basic food handler course.

My certified food safety manager is no longer employed at our food service establishment. Can I still operate without a certified food safety manager?

State law requires that within 60 days of the termination of a certified food safety manager, a food service establishment must either hire a new certified food safety manager or designate an employee to become a certified food safety manager by enrolling them in an approved food safety manager course.

Resources

Entity	Resource or Reference
Utah Administrative Code	R392-100 Food Service Sanitation https://rules.utah.gov/publicat/code/r392/r392-100.htm R392-101 Food Safety Manager Certification https://rules.utah.gov/publicat/code/r392/r392-101.htm
Utah Department of Health	Food Safety Manager Certification http://health.utah.gov/epi/community/sanitation/foodSafety/food_safety_managerCert
Utah Health Code	26-15A-101 Food Safety Manager Certification Act https://le.utah.gov/xcode/Title26/Chapter15A/C26-15a_1800010118000101.pdf