If you believe you have become sick or would like to report an unpermitted food operation, contact us at

(805) 654-2813

www.vcrma.org/r/unpermitted-food-operations/

ASK YOURSELF

Where did the food come from?
Where do they wash their hands?
Is the food safe to eat?

ALL COMPLAINTS ARE HANDLED CONFIDENTIALLY.
YOUR HEALTH

Eating out should be a fun part of life. But it is important to be aware of the dangers of buying food or beverages that were not handled safely.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has identified five major risk factors that have been most associated with food poisoning.

These factors are:
- Poor personal hygiene
- Improper holding and cooling temperatures
- Inadequate cooking
- Contaminated equipment
- Food from unsafe sources

BE AWARE

The following food safety concerns are associated with unpermitted food vending:
- No Handwashing
- No means of keeping food hot or cold
- No potable water or electricity
- No restrooms
- Food not protected from bugs & dirt
- Employees have little or no food safety training knowledge
- Food sources – where did the food come from?

Food operations that do not have a Health Permit are not being inspected or monitored in any way.

THE LAW

It is illegal to sell any food or drink in Ventura County unless the vendor is permitted by the Ventura County Environmental Health Division.

Permitted food vendors must meet the State Health and Safety Code requirements to ensure food is prepared in a safe manner.

Support food vendors that obtain permits and comply with the law as their operations are equipped with the proper equipment to prepare food safely.

CHOOSE CAREFULLY WHEN YOU EAT OUT!
ONLY BUY FOOD FROM PERMITTED FOOD VENDORS
LOOK FOR THE PERMIT STICKER

The color of the permit sticker changes every year to make it easier to verify if the food cart, truck or trailer has been approved for the current year.

After consuming unsafe food or drinks, it may take hours or days to develop symptoms.

Protect your family!
Don’t take risks!
Don’t buy food from unpermitted vendors!