

# Recipe for Success

## How to Get Licensed



### Your food is amazing - now share it safely!

If you dream of selling your secret sauce, sandwiches, or cookies, licensing makes sure your business grows with confidence while keeping your customers safe.

### Why getting licensed helps you grow:

- Win customer confidence: Show customers you care about safety.
- Protect your reputation: Avoid being incorrectly blamed for a foodborne illness outbreak.
- Open more doors: Farmers markets, fairs, festivals, and catering all require permits.



### Steps to success:

1. Contact your local health department ([www.doh.wa.gov/localhealthfoodcontacts](http://www.doh.wa.gov/localhealthfoodcontacts)). They'll guide you through the process.
2. Plan your menu and kitchen. A clear plan helps speed the process.
3. Apply and get your kitchen inspection-ready.
4. Pass inspection and launch your business with confidence.

### Play it Safe:

Licensing isn't just a requirement – it's an investment in your success. Safe food builds loyal customers, stronger businesses, and healthier communities.

