

# Food Establishments

Environmental Health Division



## Reasons for Permit Suspension

The Maricopa County Environmental Services Department's standard operating procedures have outlined several reasons that a food establishments operating permit may be suspended. It is the responsibility of the PIC (Person-in-charge) to take the appropriate actions by ceasing operations and notifying the Department for guidance if necessary. For more information visit our website:

<https://www.maricopa.gov/1888/Maricopa-County-Environmental-Health-Cod>

## Permit Suspension Reasons

Failure to correct the following violations at the time of inspection may result in suspension of the permit:

- Sewage backing up at a permitted establishment and/or the inability to retain or properly dispose of sewage relating to Mobile Food Establishments. (Note: Permit suspension is appropriate if sewage is backing up inside and/or outside an establishment.)
- Extended interruption (greater than one hour) of electrical service.
- No water service available.
- Food employees are unable to wash their hands due to inoperative, or absence of, hand washing facilities.
- Inability to maintain Time/Temperature Control for Safety Food (TCS) at proper temperatures.
- Flood.
- Fire or activation of a fire suppression system.
- Misuse of poisonous or toxic materials in such a manner that result in the direct contamination of food and/or food contact surfaces. (Example: The establishment operates a fumigation device to rid themselves of vermin while food and/or food contact surfaces are exposed.).
- Onset of an apparent foodborne illness or outbreak.
- Other gross insanitary occurrences, conditions, or other circumstances that may endanger public health, as approved by the Division Manager or designee.

For more information regarding the FDA Food Code please visit :

<https://www.fda.gov/food/retail-food-protection/fda-food-code>

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