

Food Safety and Hygiene

Introduction

Food supplied, sold or provided outside the family/domestic setting is subject to food law and must be safe to eat. Food must not be 'injurious to health' or 'unfit for human consumption'. This is regardless of whether or not the food is being supplied or sold to make a profit.

Registration with a local authority

Food legislation requires that undertakings which supply food are registered with their local authority if there is 'a certain continuity of activities' and 'a certain degree of organisation'.

While the occasional handling, preparation, storage and service of food at events such as church fairs is unlikely to require registration, the Food Standards Agency produce guidance regarding charity and community food provision which might need registration with the local authority at: <https://www.food.gov.uk/safety-hygiene/providing-food-at-community-and-charity-events>

You should check this guidance to find out if any of the food provision in the diocese requires registration. If it does, or if you are unsure whether registration is required or not, please contact the environmental health food safety team in the appropriate local authority.

Food safety and hygiene training

The Food Standards Agency provides useful guidance on its website at: <https://www.food.gov.uk/business-industry/food-hygiene/training> and has a number of information video guides available on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/user/FoodStandardsAgency>