

§ 5710. Retail food facility and employee cleanliness.

All retail food facilities, kitchens, dining rooms and all places where foods are prepared, kept or stored shall be kept in a clean and sanitary condition and be protected from dust, dirt, insects and vermin in the manner prescribed by the regulations of the department. The clothing and hands of employees shall at all times be clean and sanitary. Except when washing fruits and vegetables or when approved by the department, food employees may not contact exposed, ready-to-eat food with their bare hands and shall use suitable utensils such as deli tissue, spatulas, tongs, single-use gloves or dispensing equipment. No domestic pets or other animals shall be permitted where food or drink is prepared, handled or stored unless specifically permitted or required under the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (Public Law 101-336, 104 Stat. 327) or other Federal or State law. No person shall be permitted to use for living or sleeping purposes any room or place in any retail food facility which is regularly and customarily used for the preparation, handling, storing or serving of food.