

SCAM ALERT

There have been numerous reports from food facilities in Santa Barbara County and Southern California concerning calls they have received at the food facility from unknown persons posing as “inspectors from the Health Department”. These callers state that a team of inspectors are coming to the facility to conduct a thorough inspection of the kitchen and the food. These calls are not made from the Health Department.

Please be aware that these calls are not authorize and are not legitimate. Do not give any information to these callers.

Take down the information that they give you and call your local Environmental Health Services office to report the information.

Always be aware of who you allow into the food facility.

As food facility owners and operators you have a duty to refuse entry to any unauthorized person who may be impersonating an employee of the Public Health Department or Environmental Health Services. Please request picture identification from any person who claims to be from the Health Department and verify that the picture matches the person. Environmental Health Services personnel always carry picture identification and are pleased to present it to you.

Be safe, be secure, be vigilant. If you have any questions concerning callers or visitors claiming to work for Public Health, please contact Environmental Health Services at: Santa Barbara office (805) 681-4900 or Santa Maria office (805) 346-8460 during regular business hours. We are pleased to assist you.

Thank you.

