

Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services
Division of Food Safety
Food Establishment Inspection Expectations

- **Entering the food establishment**

All Food Safety Inspectors are required to use the main entrance of the food establishment.

- **Introductions**

The Food Safety Inspector will introduce themselves to a staff member on duty and request to speak to the person in charge.

- **Identification and purpose of visit**

A state issued picture ID and a business card will be presented to the establishment staff member on duty and the person in charge. The Food Safety Inspector will explain the purpose of the visit and establish jurisdiction by determining the applicable requirements of Chapter 500 F.S., and Rule 5K-4, F.A.C.

- **Permit**

The Food Safety Inspector will request to see the most recent permit to determine that the permit is current. Inspectors will confirm information in division databases.

- **Information**

The person in charge will be asked questions about the business contact information. This information will ensure any necessary correspondence can be provided in a timely manner.

- **Inspection walkthrough**

The Food Safety Inspector will ask the person in charge to accompany the inspector during the walkthrough of the food establishment. The inspector may note necessary corrections and permit corrective actions to be taken while onsite and where applicable.

- **Inspection**

The Food Safety Inspector will conduct the inspection for compliance with Chapter 500 F.S. and Rule 5K-4, F.A.C., and note any out of compliance observations.

- **Closing and inspection report**

At the end of the visit the Food Safety Inspector will discuss the observations with the person in charge and provide a copy of the inspection report.

