

WAC 16-130-050 Inspections. (1) The department will conduct routine inspections of all vehicles, food handling areas, refrigeration equipment, and product packaging used by the direct seller.

(2) The department will conduct audits of all required records including cleaning and sanitary inspections, temperature logs, lists of all leased, rented or owned vehicles, vehicle rental records, purchases, sales, and other food handling and sanitation records as appropriate.

(3) During an investigation, the department may sample food products transported by the direct seller for laboratory testing to ensure food is being handled and maintained in a safe and sanitary manner.

(4) The department may inspect the records, vehicles, food handling areas, refrigeration equipment, and product packaging used by a direct seller whenever the department has reason to believe the direct seller is in violation of the requirements of chapter 15.130 RCW or this chapter. Inspections will be made at reasonable times and, when possible, during regular business hours.

(5) The department will investigate any complaints against a direct seller for violations of chapter 15.130 RCW or this chapter, or for otherwise failing to maintain and distribute food in a safe and sanitary manner.

(6) The department may inspect records, vehicles, food handling areas, refrigeration equipment, and product packaging used by a direct seller in response to a food recall, foodborne illness outbreak, consumer complaint, other public health emergency, or when required by federal, state or local regulation. In such situations, the direct seller will provide to the department its customer list and all known contact information. The direct seller must notify customers of a recall, foodborne illness outbreak, or other relevant event when directed by the department.

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