



# County of San Diego

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## FOOD HANDLER TRAINING PROGRAM

All food workers in San Diego County must be trained in food safety. There are separate requirements for foodhandlers and food safety certification. A food handler is a person employed by a permitted food business who is involved in the preparation, storage, service, or handling of food products or utensils, according to section 61.201 of the County Code, including those that scoop ice, wash dishes, or handle utensils.

### FOOD HANDLER CARDS / TESTS

All food handlers are required by San Diego County Code to possess either a valid *food handler card* issued by a county-authorized food handler training school or a County of San Diego *food handler test* administered by the current food safety manager who has passed a state-approved food safety certification exam. The Foodhandler courses are taught by foodhandler training schools that are authorized by the County. The County monitors the training schools for course content and consistency. Please contact the food handler schools directly for course locations and information. If there are any questions or problems with the training schools, please contact our Foodhandler Training Coordinator. Food handler cards are valid for three years and can be renewed by taking an exam and paying a renewal fee at one of the Department of Environmental Health office locations, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Please bring picture identification and the expired foodhandler card.

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5500 Overland Ave #170  
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151 Carmel St.  
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(760) 471-0730

### FOOD SAFETY CERTIFICATION

In addition to the County's foodhandler training requirement there is also a state requirement for a certified food safety manager. State law requires each food facility to have at least one owner/ employee that has passed a state-approved food safety certification exam. Each certification is applicable to only one facility. These certificates are valid for 5 years and must be renewed. There are four approved exams that meet the state-required food safety certification requirement: ServSafe, Experior, 360training and National Registry of Food Safety Professionals. Please contact them directly for course locations and information.

**ServSafe**  
(800) 765-4842  
[www.nraef.org](http://www.nraef.org)

**Experior Assessments**  
(800) 624-2736  
[www.prometric.com/foodsafety](http://www.prometric.com/foodsafety)

**360training.com, Inc.**  
(888) 360-8764  
<http://www.learn2serve.com>

**National Registry of Food Safety Professionals**  
(800) 446-0257  
[www.nrfsp.com/](http://www.nrfsp.com/)

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO AUTHORIZED FOOD HANDLER TRAINING SCHOOLS**  
(PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL DIRECTLY)

<b>A+ FOOD SAFETY TRAINING/DEP SERVICES</b> (English and Spanish) (619) 758-5487 (760) 298-4156	<b>FAMILY HEALTH SERVICES</b> (English and Spanish) (619) 294-2192	<b>MAAC PROJECT/HEADSTART</b> (760) 471-4210
<b>AAA FOOD HANDLER SCHOOL</b> (619) 433-5138 <a href="http://www.aaafoodhandlerschool.com">www.aaafoodhandlerschool.com</a>	<b>FOOD &amp; BEVERAGE ASSOCIATION</b> (619) 228-2291 (760) 798-2969 North County Office <a href="http://www.foodnbeverage.org">www.foodnbeverage.org</a>	<b>MAKING AN IMPRESSION</b> (562) 461-9981 <a href="http://www.makingfoodsafes.com">www.makingfoodsafes.com</a>
<b>A SCHOOL FOR THE PEOPLE / LA ESCUELA DE LA GENTE</b> (English and Spanish) (888) 851-3663	<b>FOOD SAFETY CONSULTING</b> (619) 303-8189 <a href="http://www.foodsafetyconsultingsd.com">www.foodsafetyconsultingsd.com</a>	<b>NUTRITION DIRECTION</b> (North County area) (858) 484-4175
<b>BEST FOODHANDLER SCHOOL</b> (English and Spanish) (619) 972-3675	<b>FOOD SAFETY ESSENTIALS</b> (English and Spanish) (619) 316-5752	<b>SAFE AT THE PLATE</b> (888) 804-7233 <a href="http://www.safeattheplate.com">www.safeattheplate.com</a>
<b>CERTIFY ME SAFE</b> (858) 560-5143	<b>FOOTHILLS ADULT EDUCATION CENTER</b> (619) 588-3500	<b>SAN DIEGO HEALTH &amp; NUTRITION SERVICES</b> (English and Spanish) (619) 470-3345 (760) 523-3345 <a href="http://www.sdhnsclasses.com">www.sdhnsclasses.com</a>
<b>CHINESE SERVICES CENTER</b> (Chinese) (858) 565-8008	<b>FOUNDATION COMMUNITY SERVICES</b> (English and Spanish) (619) 282-5500	<b>SAN DIEGO TRAINING INSTITUTE</b> (760) 917-1943
<b>ESOTERIC FOODS</b> (North County area) (858) 774-4514 <a href="http://www.esotericfoods.net">www.esotericfoods.net</a>	<b>FULL SPECTRUM NUTRITION SERVICES GROSSMONT COLLEGE</b> (619) 660-4350 <a href="http://www.fullspectrumnutrition.com">www.fullspectrumnutrition.com</a>	<b>WESTERN FOOD SAFETY</b> (English and Spanish) (866) 920-6456 <a href="http://www.foodhandlersandiego.com">www.foodhandlersandiego.com</a>
	<b>GROSSMONT EDUCATIONAL SERVICES</b> (858) 531-5025	

**LISTA OFICIAL DE ESCUELAS AUTORIZADAS POR EL CONDADO DE SAN DIEGO PARA LA ENSEÑANZA DE SEGURIDAD EN EL SERVICIO DE ALIMENTOS**

La tarjeta de manejadores de alimentos es válida por 3 años y puede renovarse en la oficina principal del Departamento de Salud Ambiental: 5500 Overland Ave., #170, San Diego, CA (8:00 AM a 4:00 PM de Lunes a Viernes). Información por teléfono: (858) 505-6900.

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<b>BEST FOODHANDLER SCHOOL</b> (619) 972-3675	<b>FULL SPECTRUM NUTRITION SERVICES</b> (858) 550-9086 Horario de Clases en Chula Vista <a href="http://www.fullspectrumnutrition.com">www.fullspectrumnutrition.com</a>	
<b>FAMILY HEALTH SERVICES</b> (619) 294-2192		