

BOATS WITH FOOD SERVICE

MOBILE FOOD FACILITY

ENVIRONMENTAL
HEALTH DIVISION



FOOD AND BEVERAGE PERMIT REQUIREMENT

Public Health Permit requirements apply to all **boats that offer food for sale and are located within a 3-mile coastal zone of LA County**.

This does not apply to charter fishing boats that provide food service to passengers after the 3-mile mark. Cruise ships (large passenger ships) used for pleasure voyages, where passengers travel between different ports for sightseeing and entertainment, are not required to obtain a health permit from LA County.



PREPARED FOODS

Boats serving prepared food must use a permitted kitchen or commissary for food storage, preparation, and equipment/utensil cleaning. Boats must use locations approved by the LA County Public Health for waste disposal and potable water supply.



COMMERCIALLY PREPACKAGED FOODS

A Public Health Permit is required to sell:

- *Potentially hazardous food.
- *Non-potentially hazardous food in a space that is **more than 25 square feet**.



ON-BOARD FOOD PREPARATION

***Limited food preparation** on-board may be permitted, depending on the kitchen's capacity.



BEVERAGES

A Public Health Permit is required to sell:

- Beverages that contain potentially hazardous food as ingredients.
- Canned drinks sold in a space **more than 25 square feet**.

In addition to the Public Health Permit, a separate license from the **California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control** is required for alcoholic beverages.

*For definitions, visit: bit.ly/eh-mff

Learn How to Obtain a Public Health Permit



Visit www.publichealth.lacounty.gov/eh/about/permit.htm or contact our **Mobile Food Program** at **(626) 430-5500** or email **EHVIP@ph.lacounty.gov**.