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Baking in a Home Kitchen?

1. If they are offered **for sale or service by a nonprofit organization** operating for religious, charitable, or educational purposes and
2. Only **nonpotentially hazardous baked goods** prepared and wrapped in sanitary manner can be made in private homes
3. If the public is informed by a **clearly visible placard at the sales or service location that the baked goods are prepared in a kitchen that is not inspected by the Health Department.**

Organization— The people hosting the bake sale must be a nonprofit organization. It must be the organization itself carrying out the sale. Examples are: churches, schools, service organizations (such as Kiwanis, Eagles etc.) This does not include:

- An individual who wishes to hold a bake sale and donate the proceeds to a non-profit organization, or
- A for profit company that decides to do a bake sale and donate the proceeds to a non-profit does not fall under the Washington code for bake sales.

Food for Sale—Baked Goods that are Non-Potentially Hazardous are items that are baked in the oven and could be left out at room temperature.

- These items include cookies, cupcakes, muffins, and breads.
- Items **NOT ALLOWED** are rice crispy treats, homemade candy (fudge, divinity, peanut brittle, popcorn balls), jams and jellies, home canned foods, pumpkin, cream and meringue pies.

Signage— A sign at the site of sale stating that your items are made in kitchens that are not inspected by the Health Department. The sign must be clearly visible to the public at the place of sale. An example of a sign is located on the back of this page.

Checklist:

- ___ The **organization** meets the definition of non-profit.
- ___ All items are **baked non-potentially hazardous food** items.
- ___ A **sign** must be placed at the site of sale.

Washington State Food Code

WAC 246-215– 011 (viii) A residential kitchen in a private home or other location, if only foods that are nonpotentially hazardous baked goods are prepared and wrapped in a sanitary manner for sale or service by a nonprofit organization operating for religious, charitable, or educational purposes and if the consumer is informed by a clearly visible placard at the sales or service location that the foods are prepared in a kitchen that is not inspected by a regulatory authority.



The foods for sale were prepared in a kitchen that was not inspected by the Local Health Department

