

Do you know who to call during a food tampering incident in Pennsylvania?

Food tampering is a serious issue, and knowing who to call is essential!

The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture plays an important role in food safety. If there is any indication that a food or drink product has been tampered with, contact the Department immediately.

- **Contact the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture**

24 hours a day, 7 days a week, at (717) 215-8591 or (717) 943-3159, and they will promptly contact the appropriate federal, state and/or local government agencies that must be involved.

- **Treat the product in question as evidence.**

Keep it in the condition it was received in. Do not physically alter or allow others to handle the product until the appropriate authorities arrive.



Procedure for Reporting Food Tampering Incidents

To assure that food security is addressed as completely and timely as possible within the Commonwealth a procedure is being instituted for reporting any contacts received related to food tampering. If you receive any complaint concerning a food tampering incident please follow the procedure below.

- 1) Please be sure to obtain all the information listed on the report (see Attachment # 1).
- 2) Complete the report electronically.
- 3) E-mail the completed report to staff listed below:
Derek Ruhl: druhl@state.pa.us
Larry Sulpizio: lsulpizio@state.pa.us
Bill Chirdon: wchirdon@state.pa.us
- 4) In the Subject Line of the E-mail please type "Food Tampering Incident".
- 5) The E-mail will be distributed and the appropriate action taken in response.
- 5) For after hours and weekend food tampering incidents, please have the following message added to the regional office phone answering message, " If you wish to report a food tampering incident after the regional office hours, please call:

717-215-8591

717-943-3159

"These phone numbers are only for food tampering incidents".

By following this procedure the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture being the initial contact will capture essential information about the incident. The situation will be assessed and any emerging patterns noted. The appropriate additional organizations will be contacted. The initial contacts will also contact the appropriate staff within the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture.

Food Tampering Incident Report:

Date call was received;

Time call was received: A.M. / P.M.

Call received by (PDA employee name):

Region Number:

Name of person involved with food tampering incident (person reporting the incident):

Address of person involved in the food tampering:

Place of employment of the person reporting the incident:

Phone Number(s) of persons reporting the incident:

Home:

Work:

Cell:

E-Mail address:

Product the tampering occurred in (product name/type):

Lot Code and/or Sell by Date (if available):

Date product was purchased:

Store purchased at /product obtained from:

Store address/other address:

Description of the incident (obtain as much detail as possible):

Did you or others become ill?

List your symptoms:

Did these people seek medical assistance?

Did you contact any other agencies? If so, which agencies?

Did you contact the manufacturer?

* E-mail this form to wchirdon@state.pa.us, lydijohnso@state.pa.us & druhl@state.pa.us