

Fine Schedule for Retail Food Establishments

Enforcement tools used by the Division of Public Health Investigations under Chapter 23, D.R.M.C. include civil penalties, court summons, retention of equipment, closure of businesses, placards, and orders to address public health hazards. The level of enforcement may vary depending on the nature of the violation, the duration of non-compliance, the history of non-compliance, the number of rule violations, and other applicable factors.

[Rules and regulations](#) as well as additional information relating to retail food establishments can be found on the Department's [website](#).

An imminent health hazard includes, but is not limited to, complete lack of refrigeration, lack of hot water, a pest infestation, lack of cleaning leading to potential contamination of food, or sewage backup into the food establishment.

A failure to comply with an order is the result of a person or establishment not following through on orders issued by the Department based on a critical violation, non-critical violation or on a general safety concern of the public.

<u>Type 1 (critical) Violation Fine Schedule</u>					
	<u>1st Inspection</u>	<u>2nd Inspection</u>	<u>3rd and Subsequent Inspections (within a twelve month period)</u>	<u>Closures or imminent public health risks</u>	<u>Failure to comply with an order (23-6) or refusal to allow inspection</u>
Fines for Critical Violations	No fine	\$250 for repeated critical violations	\$500 for repeated critical violations	\$2000	\$999 per order/ occurrence
Maximum amount per inspection	N/A	\$500	\$1,000	\$2000	N/A
Notice of Enforcement Action (Posting)	No	No	No	Yes	No

Pay civil penalties online [here](#) or access information about appealing or disputing a violation [here](#).