

What should I do if I do not know whether a substance is an adulterant?

Contact the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene's (NYC Health Department) Office of Food Safety and Community Sanitation at 646-632-6001 or infobfscs@health.nyc.gov.

How does the NYC Health Department check for adulterants during inspections?

Inspectors check ingredients, food labels and menus for substances that are not approved to be added to food. If an inspector finds any adulterated food or beverage, the food or beverage will be discarded.

Can I receive a violation for having adulterated food in my FSE?

Yes. If you adulterate food or have adulterated food in your FSE, you may receive a summons subject to fines as well as violation points that count toward your letter grade.

Can my establishment be closed for selling adulterated food or beverages?

Yes. If you do not discard the food or beverage following the NYC Health Department Inspector instructions, or you have repeated violations for selling or offering adulterated food or beverages, the NYC Health Department may close your establishment.

For more information, visit nyc.gov/health and search for **adulterated food**.