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## **Food Rules Revision Briefing**

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# History: WA Food Code Revisions (Chapter 246-215 WAC)

1960



1980



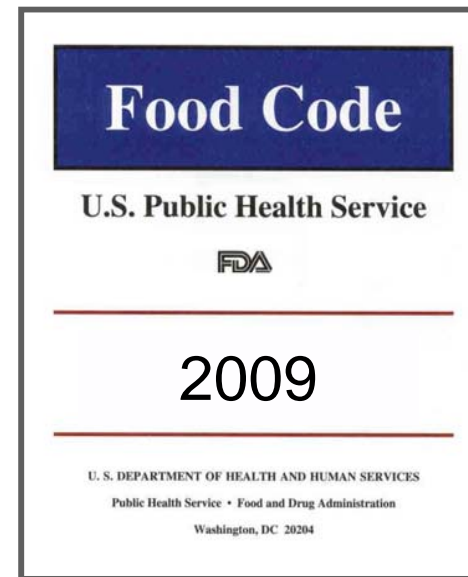
1992



2003 – Legislative Mandate  
2005 (2001 FDA Food Code)



2011 (2009 FDA Food Code)





## Why Change ?

- Honor commitment to stakeholders to update every 4 years
- Incorporate code clarifications
- Address contemporary food issues
- Maintain consistency with federal standards
- Add a section on food service to children

## New Section



Food safety for facilities that cater to young children:

- to ensure food safety standards are clear, and
- to reduce the current regulatory gaps and overlaps.

### Examples:

- Pre-schools
- Head starts, ECEAPs
- Home day care
- Before and after school programs

## Process

- Form broad-based workgroup to provide recommendations to the department
  - Public and private sector stakeholders represented
  - Form subcommittees, as needed
- Maintain agreement with 2009 FDA Food Code, unless public health reason to amend



## Proposed Timeline

Initiate Process	Early 2010
Proposed Draft Rules	Early 2011
Implementation	End of 2011

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