



EHD

Environmental

Health

Department



ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE EHD/EHO

**They will enforce the
Food Safety Act 1990 & 1995**





**How does this protect
the consumers'
interests?**

1. Enter premises to investigate complaints

2. Identify hazards & carry out risk assessment

3. Inspect food to see if it safe, & retain, seize or condemn food

4. Can remove samples to be tested and make videos to record evidence

5. Failure to comply may result in improvement notice

6. If there is an imminent risk to health an emergency prohibition notice will be served.

7. This may result in closure

8. An application for an emergency prohibition order must be made to the court within 3 days of serving the notice.

9. The court may also impose an order on the proprietor or manager participating in the management of any food business

DUE DILIGENCE

Is the principle defence & enables the defendant to be acquitted if they prove they took 'all reasonable precautions & exercised all due diligence to avoid committing the offence'

Environmental Health Officers can also help provide **advice and support to food businesses** in relation to all food prep and storage matters so the risk of food poisoning is reduced and it meets its legal obligations.



Explain the protection offered to the consumer by the Food Safety Act 1990

or



Evaluate the function of the Environmental Health Department in the protection of the consumer

ROLE &
RESPONSIBILITY OF
THE FOOD
STANDARDS
AGENCY

The website can be found
here at:

[www/food.gov.uk](http://www.food.gov.uk)

The website will show hygiene ratings
for food establishments following
inspections by the Environmental
Health Department.

They also provide **advice to the public** and to the government on **food safety, nutrition and diet-related matters**, and ensure that the consumers are **protected from any bad practice within the food industry.**

1. Explain the support the Environmental Health Department could provide to a Care Home about food safety practices.

(3 marks)

2. Explain two responsibilities of the Food Standards Agency

(2 marks)

Answers

The EHO may:

- **Provide appropriate storage advice to the care home to ensure food is kept safe so reducing the risk of food poisoning.**

- **Support the care home by providing staff training to those involved in food preparation/cooking so the risk of food poisoning is reduced for the elderly who may be at more risk of food poisoning due to weakened immune system.**

- **.**



Visit the care home to identify potential hazards that could lead to food contamination therefore reducing the risk of food poisoning for residents/ elderly.



Offer advice on recording and retaining food safety so the care home is meeting its legal obligations.

Answers

- 1. The Food Standards Agency is responsible for providing advice/ information to the public/ government on food safety therefore minimising the risk of food poisoning outbreaks.**
- 2. The Food Standards Agency is responsible for giving advice to the public on food safety and standards therefore raising awareness and educating the public.**
- 3. The Food Standards Agency is responsible for the advice on nutrient content of food/dietary issues/healthy eating therefore allowing the consumer to make an informed choice.**