

What is a Recall?

A food recall happens when:

A problem is discovered with a food product by a regulatory agency, food manufacturer, or distributor

or

There is reason to believe that a food may cause someone to become sick or injured, such as the discovery of a pathogen or toxin, potential allergens in a product and/or mislabeling or misbranding.

What is the difference between types of recall messaging?

Public Health Alert:

Issued by FDA or CDC with information from investigations, that could include product that has been recalled.

Do Not Eat Advisory:

Issued by FDA or CDC with strong language for the public regarding a product that has not been involved in a recall.

Class I - Recall:

Issued by either a regulatory agency, food manufacturer or distributor that involves a health hazard situation in which there is a reasonable probability that eating the food will cause health problems or death.

What to do if you hear about a recall?

Confirm information with federal partners, use the CDC, USDA and FDA webpages for recall notifications.

Contact local health department or NCDA&CS for advice or information concerning specific recalls

Hold product, do not serve or sell if there are questions about whether it was involved in a recall