

CUYAHOGA COUNTY  
BOARD OF HEALTH  
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**FRADULENT ACTIVITY – PEOPLE POSING AS HEALTH OFFICIALS**

We have been notified that people posing as local and state health inspectors have been engaging in fraudulent activity within Cuyahoga County.

Local restaurants and food-related businesses have contacted us about phone calls that they have received from a person claiming to work for the Cuyahoga County Board of Health. During the call, the person asks the food operators to give out credit card and other personal information in order to cover items such as late fees, license fees, or inspection fees.

**Please be aware that Cuyahoga County Board of Health staff will never contact food operators over the phone to obtain or transact any type of fees or payments. We will not ask for credit card or other personal information during a phone call.**

Our agency does not charge a fee for individual inspections of food facilities. The only required fee to Food Service Operations and Retail Food Establishments is their annual license fee, which is always due by March 1.

If you receive a call similar to the ones described above, please call your local police department and call us at 216.201.2000 to report the incident.

**MAKE SURE YOU KNOW WHO WE ARE**

CCBH employees all have agency-issued photo ID badges. Businesses should always ask to view this identification when working with us and before any official business takes place.

If you are uncertain whether or not someone works for us, please call our office at 216.201.2000 to verify their identity.

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