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NEVADA STATE HEALTH DIVISION NEWS RELEASE FOOD ESTABLISHMENT OPERATORS URGED TO CHECK HEALTH INSPECTORS CREDENTIALS

Carson City – The Nevada State Health Division’s Food Inspection program continues to receive numerous reports that restaurants and some markets in Nevada are receiving telephone calls from people posing as health inspectors.

Many states across the nation are reporting the scammers are hoping to collect information in order to fraudulently sell goods and services and extract money on the Internet and extort money.

The Nevada State Health Division wants to inform operators in food establishments that Health Division food inspectors **never** schedule routine inspections or alert operators by phone of pending inspections.

Food establishment operators are asked to always request identification badges and business cards from individuals who represent themselves as inspectors. In addition, it is imperative that operators stay with the inspector during inspection activities to observe and monitor what the inspector is doing in their establishment. Operators should never allow someone without proper credentials into their establishment to conduct inspections.

These measures will help Nevada State Health Division staff and food establishment operators ensure that Nevada continues to provide safe food to consumers. If you have calls regarding this matter or if you wish to report suspicious activity in your establishment including telephone calls from anyone representing themselves as an inspector calling to schedule an inspection please call 775.687.7533.

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