

I am a childminder: Do I need to be registered with Environmental Health?

You **do** need to register if you:

- a) Provide or prepare any food to children in your care, for example breakfasts, dinners, teas or suppers. This includes both hot or cold food
- b) Provide hot or cold drinks
- c) Provide packed lunches or snacks to children
- d) Provide sandwiches, whether made by you or pre-packaged

You **don't** need to register if **all** you do is:

- a) Provide mains drinking water.
- b) Provide crockery and cutlery for use by children to eat their own packed lunches.
- c) Provide chilled storage for packed lunches that belong to the children.
- d) Occasionally assist children with cutting up their own food in response to individual need rather than as an established service.
- e) Occasionally provide food that is not part of the normal service (e.g. a cake to celebrate a child's birthday or provision of food where a parent/guardian has been delayed).
- f) Operate in the child's own home and serving food that belongs to the child's parent/guardian e.g. nannies or home childcarers.



1. Complete and return a Food Business registration form
2. Obtain and complete your free copy of the *Safer Food Better Business pack for Childminders*.
Tel: 0845 606 0667



Once we have your forms we will forward a self assessment questionnaire and may follow this up with an arranged visit.