

STATE FOOD INTERPRETATION #13

**QUESTION:** Can a food establishment use a mop sink for a handwashing sink?

**ANSWER:** YES, with limitations

**INTERPRETATION:**

The circumstances that exist must be considered in accepting this situation. A mop sink would be acceptable if an existing establishment does not have a hand sink or an additional hand sink is necessary. A hand cleanser and a supply of disposable towels in a dispenser will be required at the mop sink. The sink must be located within the food preparation area. A mop sink in a restroom would not be acceptable for use as the handwashing sink for the food preparation area.

On new or extensively remodeled food establishments this exception would not be granted. This exception would not be granted if local codes prohibit such use.

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