

**Cheese can be dangerous if homemade or bought from street vendors.
Make sure your cheese is safe!**



KEEP GERMS FROM GROWING
41° F
KEEP CHEESE REFRIGERATED

**DO NOT BUY CHEESE FROM STREET VENDORS!
IT IS UNSAFE**

Germs found in unsafe cheese can cause severe illness among infants, pregnant women, the elderly, and those with health problems, including:

- Miscarriage
- Illness to unborn babies
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea (may be bloody)
- Fever
- Stomach cramps
- Swollen neck glands
- Death

If you have any of these symptoms after eating cheese, see your doctor immediately!



Do not buy cheese unless refrigerated in a store or supermarket

Types of cheese sold by street vendors



Protect the Health of Your Family

Eat Safe Cheese!

What You Can Do

- Do not buy cheese from swap meets, door to door vendors, or street vendors.
- Buy cheese from a licensed seller or cheese maker.
- Make sure your cheese is cold and refrigerated at all times.
- Wash your hands when handling food.
- Use different clean utensils to cut cheese, meat, poultry, and seafood.
- Buy cheese from the refrigerated section of your grocer.
- Buy cheese that is factory sealed and labeled.
- Look for pasteurized milk listed in the ingredients.



How do you know if your cheese is safe?

CONTAINS
PASTEURIZED
GRADE A MILK
AND LACTIC
MILK ACID, SEA SALT
AND ENZYMES



If you become ill from eating cheese or dairy products, call your doctor or a local clinic. If you have any questions or suspect illegal manufacturing or sales of cheese or other dairy products in your community, please contact the following:

CA Department of Food & Agriculture
Milk & Dairy Food Safety
(916) 900-5008
www.cdfa.ca.gov

Orange County Department of
Environmental Health
(714) 433-6000
www.ochealthinfo.com

Riverside County Department of
Environmental Health
(888) 722-4234
www.rivcoeh.org

San Diego County Department of
Environmental Health
(858) 505-6900
www.sdcdeh.org

Los Angeles County Department of
Environmental Health
Food and Milk Program
(626) 430-5400
www.publichealth.lacounty.gov

U.S. Food & Drug Administration
1-888-SAFEFOOD
1-888-723-3366
www.fda.gov

