

**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



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.



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

How do you know if your cheese is safe?



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.cdffa.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



Protect the Health of Your Family

Eat Safe Cheese!

