

Food Safety Specialist-Food Lion

Position Location: VA/MD (Alexandria, VA)

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- **Food Lion/Delhaize America**, a leader in the complex, competitive world of the supermarket industry is searching for a **Food Safety Specialist**. This role helps ensure customer satisfaction through the education and validation of applicable food safety standards and procedures as they concern Food Lion store/distribution center (DC) facilities and associates. Instruct through training, coaching, auditing and mentoring. Interact regularly with the regulatory arena as official liaison. Perform food safety inspections of Food Lion store/DC facilities to ensure we meet or exceed established internal and regulatory requirements. Conducts in-depth 'root cause' analysis of food safety and sanitation procedures for compliance and necessary follow-up/assessment.
- **Principle Duties & Responsibilities:** Provide education and training to business partners. Conduct food safety training/certification sessions (authorized trainer and exam administrator).
- Develop contacts and relations with regulatory officials (health department, department of agriculture, weights & measures, etc.). Participate in regulatory meetings, educate and be advocate for company food safety standard practices/policies/programs.
- Monitor and follow-up with sanitation and pest control vendor activities daily. Work with the local pest control and sanitation vendors to ensure compliance with contractual arrangements and directs them as needed.
- Provide direction/advice/consultation to retail/DC locations, supervision and senior leadership regarding food safety and sanitation issues within their respective areas.
- Conduct regular food safety/sanitation assessments of assigned distribution center operations. Focus on GMPs, sanitation, pest control support to ensure compliance with all regulatory and internal standards, including FSMA regulations.
- Assist as needed in other regulatory compliance issues and follow-up including but not limited to Country of Origin Labeling, WIC, weight and measure standards.
- Provide field support for corporate food safety initiatives and assess execution levels.
- Analyze, interpret and incorporate data/metrics to further minimize food safety risks.
- Interpret regulatory standards and identification of industry trends and best practices.
- Provide food safety field support, direction and follow-up for emergency/crisis situations (power outages, fires, floods, claimed illnesses, recall audits, etc.).
- Provide food safety field support, direction and follow-up pertaining to consumer complaints.
- Provide microbiological sampling of store equipment and facilities and interpret the data so as to provide feedback and direction to the store and district management staff.
- **Qualifications:**
- Bachelor's degree in life science (food science, biology, microbiology, community health) or public health field.
- Seasoned knowledge of food safety, sanitation audits, pest control, food safety training, weights & measures, Country of Origin requirements, regulatory food codes (FDA Food Code).
- 3 to 5 years' food safety or quality assurance related work.
- Overnight travel, as necessary (approximately 15 - 25%).
- Valid driver's license.
- **Preferred Qualifications:** Registered Sanitarian or state equivalent and Certified Professional-Food Safety (CP-FS) credentials.
- Master's degree in public health or food science related field.
- **Skills and Abilities:** Self-starter with excellent interpersonal skills.
- Excellent communication skills for both one-on-one and group interactions with all associates.
- Effective in delivering food safety training programs to adult learners.
- Excellent written skills.
- Basic computer skills to operate MS Word, Excel, PowerPoint and e-mail. Ability to interpret data, diagnose 'root' cause effects and provide sustainable and practical corrective actions.
- Ability to influence without authority.
- Must be results oriented, have ability to develop self and others.
- Ability to interact with all levels of associates and management.
- Self-starter with ability to work both independently and as part of a team.
- Must have ability to act as a team leader or team builder.