

Helen Back Cafe Cited for 18 Food and Safety Violations

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OKALOOSA ISLAND -- The proprietor of Helen Back Cafe has verified the short-term closure of his pizza dining establishment as a result of insect and cockroach activity.

Chris Sehman, owner of the pizza bar, stated that the weight of a 2,000-pound pizza oven he positioned on the foundation formed a seam where cockroaches got in and out.

The report by the Department of Business and Professional Regulation from Oct. 11 cited 4 high-priority violations and 14 basic to intermediate violations to include dozens of live cockroaches discovered, cold food temperature violations and black mold on the soda despensers.

He claimed he had professionals immediately seal the foundation as well as had a pest control operator deal with the property. Sehman attributed the food temperature violations to a broken cooler that had a freon leak.

Nothing can take away an appetite quicker compared to detecting a roach on the counter of a pizza dining establishment that you have actually just walked right into. Cockroaches in living spaces are bad enough,

however when they intrude upon eating areas, that is bad for both the dining establishment proprietors, current clients, as well as future prospective clients.

Roaches in food storage space and also serving centers like restaurants could show indicators of much bigger problems, such as:

- Microorganisms and also hygiene issues where the food is kept, cooked or served
- Poor health amongst restaurant staff and also potential food safety problems
- Structural issues such as missing insulation that lets pests enter the area

It is very important for dining establishments to be alert regarding maintaining food in encased containers and seeing to it that cooking rooms are maintained tidy at all times-- because if not roaches will certainly come knocking.

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