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# GUIDANCE ON CLUBS, SOCIETIES & COMMUNITY GROUPS

## What does the Food Act mean for me?

You don't need to register under the Food Act if you only sell food at events (where food is not the main purpose).

If you sell food outside of these times, you need a Food Control Plan or National Programme.



## What does the Food Act mean for Clubs and Societies?

Everyone selling or serving food as part of a paid service must make sure it's safe and suitable, even if you don't need to register. You can still be checked and held accountable if you make people sick!

### Do you need to register?



**Your club buys and gives away food, without any sort of payment**

Act doesn't apply, as no sale is taking place.



**You run a restaurant or bar serving cooked food on a regular basis. People are sometimes there for other activities, and sometimes just to eat and drink e.g. workingmen's club, RSA, Cosmopolitan club**

You need to register with a Food Control Plan.



**You run a bar selling food on a regular basis/ But you only sell pre-made food, such as sandwiches, pies or sausage rolls, which you buy from another company**

You need to register under a National Programme.

If you reheat or repackage any food you will be National Programme 3.

If you only serve the food in its original wrapper, without reheating, you will be National Programme 2.



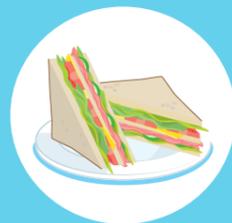
**You sell or serve food at club events, such as match days, games nights, or club fundraisers. People are not there for the food and drink, but to take part in another activity**

No need to register under the Food Act. You must make sure food is safe and suitable.



**Other organisations use your kitchen**

It is the responsibility of the other organisation to register under the Act if they need to.



**"Bring a plate", where members bring food to share at club events**

Act doesn't apply, as no sale is taking place.



#### **UNSURE?**

Ask yourself, would you still hold the event without the food or drink?

If you would, you likely don't need to register.