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Chapter 624 — Food Service Facilities

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624.130 Training to relieve choking; methods of training; exemptions; fees

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(2) A local public health authority shall provide or cause to be provided the necessary training program at reasonable intervals, as determined by the local authority. The local public health authority must provide for the training requirement of this section to be met by inclusion of the necessary training in a food handler training program under ORS 624.570 or by the placement of posters in the workplace.

(3) The local public health authority may charge reasonable fees to cover actual expenses of providing the training and issuing verification of training.

(4) The local public health authority may waive in writing the training requirements of this section in cases of undue hardship, or where the local authority determines that the employee's assignment renders such training impracticable or unnecessary.

(5) Civil or criminal liability to the restaurant or restaurant employees may not result from good faith application by a trained person of the first aid described under subsection (1) of this section. [1977 c.824 §1; 2001 c.975 §4a; 2003 c.309 §12]