

## PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

**Q What do you like best about your job?**

**A** Every day I am out meeting new people and seeing different things. You really have to like working with people to be good at this job because you are always interacting with people. You also have to be a good communicator. I know that I am representing and protecting the public when it comes to what they are eating and drinking. Those are important things!

**Q Describe your typical day.**

**A** Every day is different because a Health Inspector wears many different hats. Besides inspecting restaurants and food service locations, my responsibilities cover rabies control, food-borne illness, and even inspection of apple cider producers. In my job, when things happen you have to respond immediately. There aren't many jobs out there with this much variety. And it sure beats being stuck in a lab all day!

**Q How are you making a difference?**

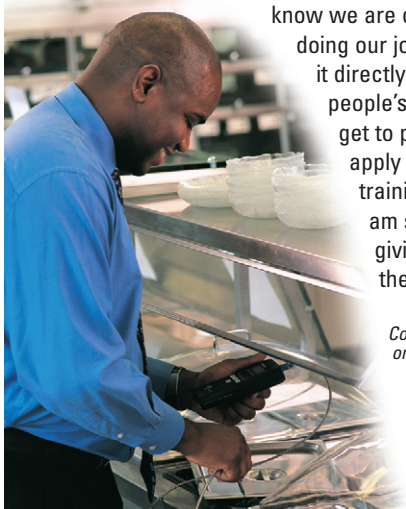
**A** Hey, everyone eats! And a big part of my job is to make sure that the food that people are eating is safe. I grew up around here and I like knowing that what I am doing every day is helping the community. People like to know we are out there doing our jobs because it directly affects people's lives. I get to positively apply my science training and I am serving and giving back to the community.

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"I've been working with Region of Waterloo Public Health as a Public Health Inspector since 1999."

"I have a Bachelor of Science in Biology from the University of Guelph, a Bachelor of Applied Science in Public Health from Ryerson University and I am in the process of getting a Master of Science in Food Safety and Quality Assurance from the University of Guelph."



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**Q What do you like about working and living in Waterloo Region?**

**A** I went to Eastwood Collegiate, so I grew up here. I like the city and rural blend. It's a good place to raise a family. There are a lot of recreational activities and friendly people. There's a real sense of community here.

**Q Why did you choose to work for Region of Waterloo Public Health?**

**A** I chose the Region of Waterloo because I grew up in the Region and I wanted to be able to give back to my community in a positive manner. Working here, you get a real sense that everyone appreciates that we all have different and important roles to play in Public Health. There are lots of challenges because of the agriculture and rural food production, such as ensuring that apple cider manufacturing meets the requirements of the Apple Cider Code of Practice and ensuring that sausage producers comply with the Food Premises Regulations. It's a good place to work because I am able to serve my community and make a positive impact on the health and well-being of the residents of Waterloo Region.

**Q What would you tell someone considering a career as Health Inspector at Region of Waterloo Public Health?**

**A** If you like science but don't want to spend your life in a laboratory, then this is a great career. You get to interact with people every day, solving and preventing problems. You have to like a job with variety and meeting new people all the time. I love my job and I am excited to be working here.



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[www.region.waterloo.on.ca/ph](http://www.region.waterloo.on.ca/ph)

**Areas You Could Work In:**

- Air Quality
- Drinking Water Safety
- Food Safety
- Infection Control
- Health Hazard Investigation
- Rabies Control
- Recreational Water Safety
- Sewage System Inspection & Licencing
- Tobacco Control
- West Nile Virus Control

**Qualifications You Need:**

- Must complete a recognized environmental health program from one of the schools listed below
- Must possess Certificate of Public Health Inspection (Canada) through certification by the Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors ([www.ciphi.ca](http://www.ciphi.ca))
- Valid driver's licence and own transportation

**Wage/Salary Range:**

Approximately  
\$50,000 – \$57,000 (2004 rates)

**Schools You Can Attend:**

These are the only schools in Canada who currently train Public Health Inspectors:

- Ryerson University, School of Occupational and Public Health, [www.ryerson.ca](http://www.ryerson.ca)
- British Columbia Institute of Technology, School of Health Sciences, [www.bcit.ca](http://www.bcit.ca)
- Concordia University College of Alberta, Faculty of Professional Education, [www.concordia.ab.ca](http://www.concordia.ab.ca)
- University College of Cape Breton, School of Science & Technology, [www.uccb.ns.ca](http://www.uccb.ns.ca)
- First Nations University of Canada, Department of Science, [www.firstnationsuniversity.ca](http://www.firstnationsuniversity.ca)