

I am at cook at the Porthole restaurant in Portland. There is also the comedy club and Harbors Edge banquet hall.

The place is infested with rats that are all over the place. Every night they get into the food. My boss won't throw things away after they eat on it, he just scrapes off a top layer.

The floors every morning when I open are covered in rat shit. The rats even run across the floor of the dining room during the day. One waitress opened a drawer and almost got bit from one.

We do many things that the Health lady told us to stop doing. But we just did what we had to until she passed us and left.

She didn't know to look at the Comedy place or Harbors Edge. There is a huge walkin over on the other side that she didn't know about. It has mold and uncovered food everywhere. The owner told her that he would get an exterminator but he was lying. That was weeks ago and now that its getting cold more rats are coming inside.

Many of our sinks pour straight into the ocean. When I said something to the chef he showed me more. The floors in the kitchen are rotting out and have huge holes in them where you can see the ocean underneath!

We let dogs on the deck. No screens and open doors. Rat nests in the storeroom. Rats in the club and in Harbors Edge. Once a tile in the bathroom fell and tons of rat droppings came down too. We don't label and date food and sometimes because of it we serve bad food.

6 weeks ago several people got sick at a party at the banquet hall from bad potato salad.

The owner keeps using the "we're renovating this winter" excuse and everyone buys it. He's been using that story for three years now.

The new chef is very dirty about everything and doesn't make anyone do anything to clean things up.

I'm not exaggerating about the rat problem. Last week I stopped another cook from using flour that had droppings in it and then got yelled at for throwing out all the flour. He even cut my hours.

We had a boss named Pat Simpson that quit who was the only one of the bosses that tried to make the place better. A few of us called him but he said he was scared to talk about it. He was kind of a jerk but he was a decent enough guy. After that he changed his phone number. I heard he quit because of this stuff.

I once heard one of the local guys say that you can see the rats running around on the security cameras.

Please do something. Anyone who complains gets hours cut or fired or yelled at.

Just look at the floors and corners and you can see that the rat problem isn't one or two but dozens. It's infested there. Someone is going to get sick or worse.

Theres other stuff to. Taxes. Pay stuff. Drugs. Please listen to me.