

Vendor at Astros Minute Maid Park Takes Snow Cones into Bathroom Stall

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A snow cone vendor at Minute Maid Park took a rack full of snow cones into a bathroom stall and then returned to the ballpark to sell them [according to a report Houston's Local 2](#) complete of video of the event. According to the report:

Cell phone video shows a ball park snow cone vendor sitting on a toilet in a stall with an entire box full of the products he's about to sell. They sit on the bathroom floor right next to him.

The person who recorded the video and gave it to Local 2 said: "I couldn't believe what I was seeing. This guy is taking a dump. There's no doubt about it. What sane person could possibly think, yeah this is a good idea. I'll just put the food that I'm about to sell on the floor."

The Astros and ARAMARK, the Minute Maid Park concessionaire both released statements after the incident.

Reid Ryan, who just recently took over the helm of the President of Business Operations said in

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a statement:

“The Astros were notified immediately by our partner ARAMARK of the incident involving a vendor on Monday night. We commend the swift reaction displayed by ARAMARK of terminating the employee immediately upon learning of the incident that evening. This isolated incident was a clear violation of our food safety practices and is not reflective of our standards.

“The Astros share ARAMARK’s view on the importance of food safety and will work with them to ensure that our fans have a safe and outstanding experience at Minute Maid Park. We also commend the fan for his vigilance in pointing out the inappropriate actions of the vendor. The Astros personally thanked him and advised him of the swift action taken in regard to the employee.”

ARAMARK added in the joint statement:

“Food safety is extremely important to us. This vendor’s actions were a clear violation of our food safety practices and are not reflective of our standards. This was an isolated incident by a third-party subcontractor and we promptly dealt with the matter when it was brought to our attention.”



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