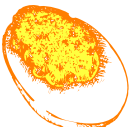



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EGG SAFETY WHILE ON THE ROAD

When traveling or picnicking away from home, it's important to take along the basic food safety necessities and follow these helpful tips:

- Wash you hands thoroughly with warm soapy water for at least 20 seconds when handling food. If water for hand washing is not available, take along disposable wipes.
- When traveling, transport the cooler in the air-conditioned passenger compartment of your car, rather than in a hot trunk.
- If you tote raw eggs or plain hard-cooked eggs on outings, leave them in their shells. Pack them along with deviled eggs and other cold dishes in an insulated bag or cooler with ice or freezer packs containing commercial coolant. While you're away, put the cooler in the shade and open it as infrequently as you can to help keep these foods at 40° F or lower. The foods will stay refrigerator-cold as long as the ice lasts or the coolant remains almost at freezing. Use thermal containers to keep hot egg dishes hot, 140° F or higher. 
- For pickled eggs, use quart-sized or smaller containers if you intend to consume the eggs intermittently over a period of time. Refrigerate pickled egg containers and, to avoid introducing bacteria, use a clean utensil to remove the eggs from the pickling solution.
- For hiking, backpacking, camping and boating, when refrigeration facilities aren't available, buy dried eggs from supermarkets or sporting goods stores and reconstitute them with purified water. 
- Don't let egg dishes sit out for more than 2 hours. On a hot day (85° F or higher), reduce this time to 1 hour.



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