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Consumer Safety Officers

Are you interested in being a part of consumer protection? If yes, consider a career with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration as a **Consumer Safety Officer**. The Minneapolis District Office routinely has vacancies for Consumer Safety Officers. The FDA advertises all of their vacancies on the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) website. The website address is: <https://my.usajobs.gov/>

Minneapolis District Office & Resident Posts Locations:

- **Minnesota:** Minneapolis and International Falls
- **North Dakota:** Fargo and Pembina
- **South Dakota:** Sioux Falls
- **Wisconsin:** Milwaukee, Madison, Green Bay, LaCrosse, and Stevens Point

WHO IS FDA?

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration is one of the Nation's oldest and most respected consumer protection agencies.

Simply stated, FDA's Mission is:

- To promote and protect the public health by helping safe and effective products reach the market in a timely way
- To monitor products for continued safety after they are in use
- To help the public get the accurate, science-based information needed to improve health

Every day, every American comes in contact with a host of FDA-regulated products. In fact, FDA-regulated products account for about 25 cents of every consumer dollar spent.

Regulated products include:

Food, Cosmetics, Biologics, Human Drugs, Veterinary Products, Medical Devices, Radiation Emitting Electronic Products, and Tobacco Products

Consumer Safety Officers:

- Provide consumer protection
- Perform on-site inspections to evaluate manufacturing processes & technology
- Investigate complaints and recalls
- Collect samples of products
- Gather evidence and enforce regulations
- Prepare investigational reports to document findings
- Conduct foreign inspections
- Review imported products
- Respond in emergencies

What is FDA?

- **Science Based**

FDA Scientists will need to keep up with rapidly-advancing technologies in all product areas.

- **Sophisticated Products**

New Technologies result in products with new complexities & risks.

- **Emergency Response**

We'll need to be prepared to respond rapidly to unexpected health risks, such as the threat of terrorism, tougher strains of antibiotic-resistance bacteria or more dangerous foodborne illness.

- **International Commerce**

Monitoring of imports and cooperation with foreign regulators will become more important as international commerce continues to grow.

- **Consumer Information**

Finally, today's sophisticated consumers and the wide availability of information about FDA-regulated products will challenge us to be sure consumers are getting the information they need from the right sources.

The FDA is looking for individuals with Science Based Degrees:

That include at least 30 semester hours in one or a combination of science courses and/or specialized experience to demonstrate particular knowledge and skills. Science courses include the following and others:

Biologics	Chemistry
Pharmacy	Physical sciences
Food technology	Nutrition
Medical science	Engineering
Epidemiology	Nursing
Mathematics	Veterinary Science

Consumer Safety Officers:

- Must be a U.S. citizen
- This position has a minimum education requirement
- Will be required to complete a background investigation
- Must operate a motor vehicle safely and possess a valid driver's license
- Will be required to travel up to 50% of the time.

****Applicants will have to provide an Official College Transcript as a part of their application package.**

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