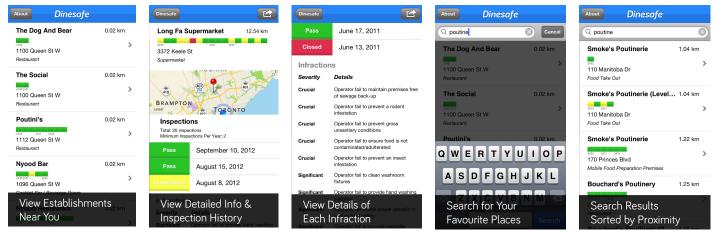


# 'Dinesafe Toronto', a new app for viewing restaurant health inspections, now available on the Apple App Store

# An app to help people make safe dining decisions, by showing the historical health inspection record for restaurants in Toronto.

TORONTO - March 4, 2013 - Available today, the app *Dinesafe Toronto* offers a historical view of a restaurant's health inspection history, for all restaurants in the City of Toronto. It allows users to locate establishments close to them using the GPS features of their phone, or search establishments by name. Each establishment has a colour-coded score bar, that gives a quick visual overview of its health inspection history. This app helps people make safer and smarter dining decisions.



After installing the app, the user is presented with a list of dining establishments close to their current location. This list presents a score bar timeline for each establishment, that gives a brief overview of its health inspection history. The user can also search for an establishment by name.

When a user taps on an establishment, they are taken to a detail view. This view contains a map, as well as a detailed list of inspections. For each "Conditional Pass" or "Closed" inspection, there is a list of infractions. Some examples of infractions are: "Operator fail to prevent a rodent infestation", "Operator fail to prevent gross unsanitary conditions", and "Operator fail to maintain premises free of sewage back-up".

A user can share the inspection history for any restaurant, with options to post to Twitter, Email link, or copy link for sharing elsewhere. There is also an option to open in the Maps app, so the user can easily locate the place and get directions if needed.

*Dinesafe Toronto* is available now for \$0.99 in the Apple app store, for iPhone devices running iOS 5 or later. More features are in development, such as an iPad version, and alerts for when your favourite restaurants get a bad rating.

Please visit <u>http://dinesafe.to/app</u> for more Dinesafe Toronto information, including screenshots and a press kit.

If you would like further information on *Dinesafe Toronto*, or would like to schedule an interview, please contact: Matthew Ruten Phone/Text: (647) 868-2189 Email: matt@ruten.ca Twitter: @mattruten

To download the app on the app store: <u>http://bit.ly/Dinesafe</u> Visit app homepage: <u>http://dinesafe.to/app</u> View short demo of app: <u>http://youtu.be/5n3Cl4oRdOl</u>

## About the Developer

Dinesafe Toronto app is developed by Matthew Ruten, a web & mobile developer located in Toronto, Ontario.

### About the Data/Code

*Dinesafe Toronto* app contains public sector Datasets made available under the City of Toronto's Open Data Licence v2.0. Visit toronto.ca/open

The source code for this app is available on Github: https://github.com/nomatteus/dinesafe-ios

### About the City of Toronto DineSafe Program

DineSafe is the City of Toronto's health inspection program. Every food establishment in Toronto is inspected at least 1-3 times per year, and assigned one of three ratings: "Pass", "Conditional Pass", or "Closed". Establishments are required to post the latest inspection rating in a prominent place in their window, but are not required to show any historical inspection information. This app is not affiliated with the City of Toronto. See the city's website for more information about the DineSafe program: http://www.toronto.ca/health/dinesafe/system.htm