

FOOD SAFETY CHECKLIST

Date _____ Observer _____

Directions: Use this checklist daily. Determine areas in your operations requiring corrective action. Record corrective action taken and keep completed records in a notebook for future reference.

PERSONAL HYGIENE

	Yes	No	Corrective Action
• Employees wear clean and proper uniform including shoes.	☐	☐	_____
• Effective hair restraints are properly worn.	☐	☐	_____
• Fingernails are short, unpolished, and clean (no artificial nails).	☐	☐	_____
• Jewelry is limited to a plain ring, such as wedding band and a watch and no bracelets.	☐	☐	_____
• Hands are washed properly, frequently, and at appropriate times.	☐	☐	_____
• Burns, wounds, sores or scabs, or splints and water-proof bandages on hands are bandaged and completely covered with a foodservice glove while handling food.	☐	☐	_____
• Eating, drinking, chewing gum, smoking, or using tobacco are allowed only in designated areas away from preparation, service, storage, and ware washing areas.	☐	☐	_____
• Employees use disposable tissues when coughing or sneezing and then immediately wash hands.	☐	☐	_____
• Employees appear in good health.	☐	☐	_____
• Hand sinks are unobstructed, operational, and clean.	☐	☐	_____
• Hand sinks are stocked with soap, disposable towels, and warm water.	☐	☐	_____
• A handwashing reminder sign is posted.	☐	☐	_____
• Employee restrooms are operational and clean.	☐	☐	_____

FOOD PREPARATION

	Yes	No	Corrective Action
• All food stored or prepared in facility is from approved sources.	☐	☐	_____
• Food equipment utensils, and food contact surfaces are properly washed, rinsed, and sanitized before every use.	☐	☐	_____
• Frozen food is thawed under refrigeration, cooked to proper temperature from frozen state, or in cold running water.	☐	☐	_____
• Thawed food is not refrozen.	☐	☐	_____
• Preparation is planned so ingredients are kept out of the temperature danger zone to the extent possible.	☐	☐	_____
• Food is tasted using the proper procedure.	☐	☐	_____
• Procedures are in place to prevent cross-contamination.	☐	☐	_____
• Food is handled with suitable utensils, such as single use gloves or tongs.	☐	☐	_____

- Food is prepared in small batches to limit the time it is in the temperature danger zone. ☐ Yes ☐ No _____
- Clean reusable towels are used only for sanitizing equipment and surfaces and not for drying hands, utensils, or floor. ☐ Yes ☐ No _____
- Food is cooked to the required safe internal temperature for the appropriate time. The temperature is tested with a calibrated food thermometer. ☐ Yes ☐ No _____
- The internal temperature of food being cooked is monitored and documented. ☐ Yes ☐ No _____

HOT HOLDING

- | | Yes | No | Corrective Action |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
| • Hot holding unit is clean. | ☐ | ☐ | _____ |
| • Food is heated to the required safe internal temperature before placing in hot holding. Hot holding units are not used to reheat potentially hazardous foods. | ☐ | ☐ | _____ |
| • Hot holding unit is pre-heated before hot food is placed in unit. | ☐ | ☐ | _____ |
| • Temperature of hot food being held is at or above 135 °F. | ☐ | ☐ | _____ |
| • Food is protected from contamination. | ☐ | ☐ | _____ |

COLD HOLDING

- | | Yes | No | Corrective Action |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
| • Refrigerators are kept clean and organized. | ☐ | ☐ | _____ |
| • Temperature of cold food being held is at or below 41 °F. | ☐ | ☐ | _____ |
| • Food is protected from contamination. | ☐ | ☐ | _____ |

REFRIGERATOR, FREEZER, AND MILK COOLER

- | | Yes | No | Corrective Action |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
| • Thermometers are available and accurate. | ☐ | ☐ | _____ |
| • Temperature is appropriate for pieces of equipment. | ☐ | ☐ | _____ |
| • Food is stored 6 inches off floor or in walk-in cooling equipment. | ☐ | ☐ | _____ |
| • Refrigerator and freezer units are clean and neat. | ☐ | ☐ | _____ |
| • Proper chilling procedures are used. | ☐ | ☐ | _____ |
| • All food is properly wrapped, labeled, and dated. | ☐ | ☐ | _____ |
| • The FIFO (First In, First Out) method of inventory management is used. | ☐ | ☐ | _____ |
| • Ambient air temperature of all refrigerators and freezers is monitored and documented at the beginning and end of each shift. | ☐ | ☐ | _____ |

FOOD STORAGE AND DRY STORAGE

	Yes	No	Corrective Action
• Temperatures of dry storage area is between 50 °F and 70 °F or State public health department requirement.	☐	☐	_____
• All food and paper supplies are stored 6 to 8 inches off the floor.	☐	☐	_____
• All food is labeled with name and received date.	☐	☐	_____
• Open bags of food are stored in containers with tight fitting lids and labeled with common name.	☐	☐	_____
• The FIFO (First In, First Out) method of inventory management is used.	☐	☐	_____
• There are no bulging or leaking canned goods.	☐	☐	_____
• Food is protected from contamination.	☐	☐	_____
• All food surfaces are clean.	☐	☐	_____
• Chemicals are clearly labeled and stored away from food and food-related supplies.	☐	☐	_____
• There is a regular cleaning schedule for all food surfaces.	☐	☐	_____
• Food is stored in original container or a food grade container.	☐	☐	_____

CLEANING AND SANITIZING

	Yes	No	Corrective Action
• Three-compartment sink is properly set up for ware washing.	☐	☐	_____
• Dishmachine is working properly (such as gauges and chemicals are at recommended levels).	☐	☐	_____
• Water is clean and free of grease and food particles.	☐	☐	_____
• Water temperatures are correct for wash and rinse.	☐	☐	_____
• If heat sanitizing, the utensils are allowed to remain immersed in 171 °F water for 30 seconds.	☐	☐	_____
• If using a chemical sanitizer, it is mixed correctly and a sanitizer strip is used to test chemical concentration.	☐	☐	_____
• Smallware and utensils are allowed to air dry.	☐	☐	_____
• Wiping cloths are stored in sanitizing solution while in use.	☐	☐	_____

UTENSILS AND EQUIPMENT

	Yes	No	Corrective Action
• All small equipment and utensils, including cutting boards and knives, are cleaned and sanitized between uses.	☐	☐	_____
• Small equipment and utensils are washed, sanitized, and air-dried.	☐	☐	_____
• Work surfaces and utensils are clean.	☐	☐	_____
• Work surfaces are cleaned and sanitized between uses.	☐	☐	_____
• Thermometers are cleaned and sanitized after each use.	☐	☐	_____
• Thermometers are calibrated on a routine basis.	☐	☐	_____
• Can opener is clean.	☐	☐	_____

- Drawers and racks are clean. ☐ Yes ☐ No
- Clean utensils are handled in a manner to prevent contamination of areas that will be in direct contact with food or a person's mouth. ☐ Yes ☐ No

LARGE EQUIPMENT

- | | Yes | No | Corrective Action |
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| • Food slicer is clean. | ☐ | ☐ | <input type="text"/> |
| • Food slicer is broken down, cleaned, and sanitized before and after every use. | ☐ | ☐ | <input type="text"/> |
| • Boxes, containers, and recyclables are removed from site. | ☐ | ☐ | <input type="text"/> |
| • Loading dock and area around dumpsters are clean and odor-free. | ☐ | ☐ | <input type="text"/> |
| • Exhaust hood and filters are clean. | ☐ | ☐ | <input type="text"/> |

GARBAGE STORAGE AND DISPOSAL

- | | Yes | No | Corrective Action |
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| • Kitchen garbage cans are clean and kept covered. | ☐ | ☐ | <input type="text"/> |
| • Garbage cans are emptied as necessary. | ☐ | ☐ | <input type="text"/> |
| • Boxes and containers are removed from site. | ☐ | ☐ | <input type="text"/> |
| • Loading dock and area around dumpster are clean. | ☐ | ☐ | <input type="text"/> |
| • Dumpsters are clean. | ☐ | ☐ | <input type="text"/> |

PEST CONTROL

- | | Yes | No | Corrective Action |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| • Outside doors have screens, are well-sealed, and are equipped with a self-closing device. | ☐ | ☐ | <input type="text"/> |
| • No evidence of pests is present. | ☐ | ☐ | <input type="text"/> |
| • There is a regular schedule of pest control by a licensed pest control operator. | ☐ | ☐ | <input type="text"/> |