

Health and Safety Checklist for Restaurants

Checklist

Area of Concern	Satisfactory?	Action needed
	Yes/No	
Hygiene of Food Rooms &		
Equipment		
Are food rooms and equipment in		
good condition and well maintained?		
Are food rooms clean and tidy and do		
staff clean as they go including		
difficult areas?		
Is equipment easy to clean and kept in		
a good working condition?		
Are all food and hand contact surfaces		
e.g. work surfaces, slicers, fridge		
handles, probe thermometers, in good		
condition and cleaned/disinfected		
regularly?		
Are suitable BS EN approved cleaning		
chemicals available and stored		
correctly and proper cleaning		
methods used?		
Are separate cleaning cloths used in		
clean areas? If they are re-used, are		
they properly cleaned, and boil		
washed after?		
Food Storage		
Is ready-to-eat food stored		
above/separate from raw food in the		
fridges and freezers?		
Are deliveries appropriately stored		
immediately?		
Is food in fridges/freezers covered?		
Are high risk foods date coded, codes		
checked daily and stock rotated?		
Are dried goods stored correctly e.g. in		
a suitable room, away from the food in		
secure containers?		
Is outer packaging removed from		
ready- food before being placed into a		
clean area?		
Are the freezers in proper working		
order?		



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Food Storage		
Are fridges and freezers		
defrosted regularly?		
Food Handling Practices		
Are ready-to-eat foods prepared in		
separate clean areas?		
Are separate utensils and equipment		
used for ready-to-eat foods unless		
disinfected in a dishwasher? Is the		
dishwasher in good working order and		
regularly serviced?		
Is wrapping and packaging used for		
ready-to-eat food kept in the clean		
area?		
Do separate staff handle ready-to-eat		
food and are controls being followed		
to ensure staff change clothing and		
wash hands before handling food		
items?		
Is separate equipment provided for		
ready-to-eat food and is it located in		
the clean area?		
Are staff handling food as little as		
possible? E.g. with the use of spoons		
and tongs?		
If colour coded equipment is provided		
(e.g. utensils, chopping boards), is it		
correctly used?		
Are high risk foods prepared in small		
batches and placed in the fridge		
immediately after		
handling/preparation?		
Are vegetables/fruit/salads/ trimmed		
and washed thoroughly before use		
unless labelled as 'ready-to-eat'?		
Are ready-to-eat foods kept separate		
on display and screened from		
customers?		
Are adequate clean utensils available		
for self-service?		



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Food Handling Practices		
Are frozen foods defrosted safely?		
Are controls in place to prevent		
contamination by chemicals/foreign		
bodies e.g. glass, packaging materials,		
bolts, rust, chemicals?		
Are staff aware of food allergy hazards		
and how to mitigate them?		
Are controls being followed to ensure		
staff wash hands after handing raw		
food and before touching surfaces?		
Are designated food probes used for		
raw and cooked foods and are they		
cleaned properly?		
Personal Hygiene		
Are staff wearing clean, suitable		
protective clothing and following		
personal hygiene rules regarding		
sanitation and hand washing? Are wash hand basins clean with hot		
water, soap and hygienic hand drying facilities?		
Are wash hand basins used for hand		
washing only and is effective		
handwashing by staff regularly		
observed?		
Are staff toilets and changing facilities		
clean and tidy?		
Pest Control		
Are premises pest proofed and free		
from any signs of pests?		
Where necessary are external doors/ windows fitted with suitable fly		
screens?		
Are insecticides (if provided) properly		
maintained?		
Waste Control		
Is waste in food rooms stored		
correctly?		
Is food waste stored correctly outside		
and is the refuge area kept clean?		



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Waste Control		
Is unfit food clearly labelled and		
stored separately from other foods?		
Checks and Record Keeping		
Are all checks properly taken and recorded daily?		
Has appropriate corrective action		
been taken where necessary?		
Are record sheets up to date, checked and verified?		
Are equipment time/temperature		
combinations regularly cross-		
checked?		
Review (Monthly)		
Any new suppliers and approved list updated?		
Any new menu items updated?		
Are staff toilets and changing facilities clean and tidy?		
Pest Control		
Are premises pest proofed and free		
from any signs of pests with regular inspections?		
Where necessary are external doors/ windows fitted with suitable fly screens?		
Any new food handling methods or equipment updated?		

Signed:

Name:..... Signature:..... Date:....