FOOD SAFETY CHECKLIST

DateObserver			
Directions: Use this checklist daily. Determine areas in your operations record corrective action taken and keep completed records in a notebook f			
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 		Π.	
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•	Food is prepared in small batches to limit the time it is in the			
	temperature danger zone.			
•	Clean reusable towels are used only for sanitizing equipment and			
	surfaces and not for drying hands, utensils, or floor.			
•	Food is cooked to the required safe internal temperature for the appropriate time. The temperature is tested with a calibrated food			
	thermometer.			
•	The internal temperature of food being cooked is monitored and		-	
	documented.			
Н	OT 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.		□ .	
C	OLD 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.			
R	EFRIGERATOR, 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.			
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ullet	Ambient air temperature of all refrigerators and freezers is monitored			
•	Ambient air temperature of all refrigerators and freezers is monitored and documented at the beginning and end of each shift.			



FO	OOD 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.		Π.	
•	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.		Π.	
•	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.		□ .	
CL	EANING 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	t		
	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.			
UI	ENSILS 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.			
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•	Thermometers are calibrated on a routine basis.			
•	Can opener is clean.			
•	Drawers and racks are clean.			
•	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.			
LA	ARGE EQUIPMENT	Yes	No	Corrective Action
•	Food slicer is clean.			
•	Food slicer is broken down, cleaned, and sanitized before and			
•	after every use.			
•	Boxes, containers, and recyclables are removed from site.			
•	Loading dock and area around dumpsters are clean and odor-free.			
•	Exhaust hood and filters are clean.			
G	ARBAGE STORAGE AND DISPOSAL	Yes	No	Corrective Action
•	Kitchen garbage cans are clean and kept covered.			
•	Garbage cans are emptied as necessary.			
•	Boxes and containers are removed from site.			
•	Loading dock and area around dumpster are clean.			
•	Dumpsters are clean.			
ΡE	CST CONTROL	Yes	No	Corrective Action
•	Outside doors have screens, are well-sealed, and are equipped with			
	a self-closing device.			
•	No evidence of pests is present.			
•	There is a regular schedule of pest control by a licensed pest control			
	operator.			