Food Service Hand Hygiene Safety



Food service employees should maintain their own safety procedures to ensure safety for themselves, their co-workers and customers. Review the following food service safety tips with your employees.

Toolbox Tips

- Gloves should be heavy, cut-resistant, made of waterproof material (nitrile or similar washable material).
- It is preferred to use soap and clean water for hand washing when available. If only contaminated water is available, prepare a solution of 1/4 cup household bleach per 1 gallon of water.
- · Label containers (e.g. "Bleach disinfected water Do not drink").
- Wash your hands with soap and clean water after cleanup or decontamination work, before preparing or eating food and after restroom use.
- · Follow proper handwashing guidelines:
 - 1. Wet your hands with clean, running water that's at least 100°F. Wetting your hands helps the soap work better.
 - 2. Apply enough soap to cover all surfaces of your hands and wrists.
 - Lather your hands by rubbing them together vigorously. Make sure to lather the backs of your hands, between your fingers, and under your nails.
 - 4. Scrub your hands for at least 20 seconds. Scrubbing for this long removes dirt, bacteria, and other germs that can make you sick.
 - 5. Rinse your hands and wrists thoroughly under clean, running water to remove all soapy residue.
 - 6. Dry your hands and wrists with a clean towel or single-use paper towels. You can also let them air dry.
 - 7. Use a towel to turn off the faucet.
- Wash wounds with soap and clean water or a 60% alcohol hand sanitizer immediately. Seek immediate medical attention if wounds become red, swollen or oozes pus.



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