FOOD RECOVERY CHECKLIST

ARRIVAL

☐ Are you feeling well? If sick, do not participate.
☐ Have you discarded all of the following before entering prep or service areas?
  • Food, drink, gum or cigarettes
☐ Have you washed your hands up to elbows with warm water and soap?
☐ Do you have a pair of gloves? Put those on before handling food.
☐ Are you wearing appropriate clothing?
  • Long pants, clean clothes, closed-toe non-slip shoes, and no jewelry
☐ Are any cuts, scrapes or other injuries covered with bandages?
☐ Is your hair pulled back, and are you wearing a hat or hairnet?
☐ If you did any of the following, have you washed your hands and replaced your gloves?
  • Use the restroom
  • Sneeze
  • Touch your hair, face, clothes or body
  • Handle raw meat or eggs
  • Bus dirty dishes
  • Eat or drink or use cleaning chemicals

DURING RECOVERY

☐ Are you stopping to knock doors twice before opening to ensure safety?
☐ Are you moving carefully on and around wet floors/surfaces?
☐ Are you communicating when turning corners or walking behind a person, clearly stating “corner” or “behind”?
☐ Are you keeping aware of, and staying away from, hot pans, burners, ovens that might burn you?
☐ Are you walking in the kitchen? Never run in the kitchen.

ON THE FOOD RUN

☐ Do you have safe, non-absorbent, leak-proof pans or reusable containers?
☐ Are you ensuring you don’t put food or food containers on the ground?
☐ Are you using thermal bags to maintain hot or cold temperature of donated food? Do not mix hot and cold food in the same bag.
☐ Is your team’s transport vehicle clean? Keep food isolated and nowhere near cleaning supplies, other chemicals, dirty clothes, trash, etc.

If in doubt about whether these procedures were followed, do not donate the food. The Bill Emerson Good Samaritan Food Donation Act of 1996 covers food donation in good faith, which entails complying with food safety.

We are counting on you to follow food safety during every single recovery! If you do not, you put your chapter and FRN at risk.

Questions? Contact us at programs@foodrecoverynetwork.org