

# 01 Health and safety procedures

## 01.3 Kitchen

### General safety

- The door to the kitchen is kept always closed.
- Children do not have unsupervised access to the kitchen.
- Children are not taken to the kitchen when meal preparation is taking place.
- Staff tea-breaks are not taken in the kitchen when food is being prepared.
- Wet spills are mopped immediately.
- Mechanical ventilation is used when cooking.
- A clearly marked and appropriately stocked First Aid box is kept in the kitchen.

### Cleanliness and hygiene

Staff follow the recommended cleaning schedules in Safer Food Better Business (SFBB).

- Floors are washed down at least daily.
- All work surfaces are washed regularly with anti-bacterial agent.
- Inside of cupboards are cleaned half termly.
- Cupboard doors and handles are cleaned regularly.
- Fridge and freezer doors are wiped down regularly
- Ovens/cooker tops are wiped down daily after use; ovens are fully cleaned half termly.
- If dishwashers break down, washing up done by hand is carried out in double sinks, where available, one to wash, one to rinse.
- Where possible all crockery and cutlery are air dried.
- Plates and cups are only put away when fully dry.
- Tea towels, if used, are used once. They are laundered daily.
- Any cleaning cloths used for surfaces are washed and replaced daily.
- There is a mop, bucket, broom, dustpan, and brush set aside for kitchen use only.
- Any repairs needed are recorded and reported to the manager.
- Chip pans are not used.

### Further guidance

Safer Food Better Business: Food safety management procedures and food hygiene regulations for small business: [www.food.gov.uk/business-guidance/safer-food-better-business](http://www.food.gov.uk/business-guidance/safer-food-better-business)

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