

Public Protection (food & safety)

Food Premises Inspection Report

Name of business:	Co-op Foodstore
Address of food business:	Unit 4 Norwich Railway Station, Norwich, NR1 1EG
Date of inspection:	31/03/2026
Risk rating reference:	26/00305/FOOD
Premises reference:	07/00355/FD_HS
Type of premises:	Grocery/supermarket
Areas inspected:	All
Records examined:	FSMS
Details of samples procured:	None
Summary of action taken:	Informal
General description of business:	Convenience store with bake off

Relevant Legislation

Food Safety Act 1990 (as amended)
 Regulation (EC) No 178/2002 applied by The General Food Regulations 2004 (as amended)
 Regulation (EC) No 852/2004 and No 853/2004 applied by Regulation 19 (1) of the Food Safety and Hygiene (England) Regulations 2013
 Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974 and related regulations
 Food Information Regulations 2014

What you must do to comply with the law

The report may include **Contraventions** - matters which do not comply with the law. You must address all of the contraventions identified; failure to do so could result in legal action being taken against you.

As a guide, contraventions relating to cleaning, temperature control and poor practice, should be dealt with straight away.

Contraventions relating to structural repairs, your food safety management system and staff training, should be completed within the next 2 months.

Health and safety contraventions should be dealt with within 3 months unless otherwise stated.

To assist you the report may also include **Observations** of current practice, useful **Information, Recommendations** of good practice and reminders of **Legal Requirements**.

My inspection was not intended to identify every contravention of the law and only covers those areas, practices and procedures examined at the time of the inspection. If the report fails to mention a particular matter this does not mean you have necessarily complied with the law.

FOOD SAFETY

How we calculate your Food Hygiene Rating:

The food safety section has been divided into the three areas which you are scored against for the hygiene rating: 1. food hygiene and safety procedures, 2. structural requirements and 3. confidence in management/control procedures. Each section begins with a summary of what was observed and the score you have been given. Details of how these scores combine to produce your overall food hygiene rating are shown in the table.

Compliance Area	You Score					
Food Hygiene and Safety	0	5	10	15	20	25
Structure and Cleaning	0	5	10	15	20	25
Confidence in management & control systems	0	5	10	15	20	30
Your Total score	0 - 15	20	25 - 30	35 - 40	45 - 50	> 50
Your Worst score	5	10	10	15	20	-
Your Rating is	5	4	3	2	1	0

Your Food Hygiene Rating is 4 - a good standard



1. Food Hygiene and Safety

Food hygiene standards are high. You demonstrated a very good standard of compliance with legal requirements. You have safe food handling practices and procedures and all the necessary control measures to prevent cross-contamination are in place. Some minor contraventions require your attention. **(5)**

Contamination risks

Contravention The following exposed food to the general risk of cross-contamination with bacteria or allergens or its physical contamination with dirt, foreign objects or chemicals:

- worn and fraying hot food bag in use that could shed particles

Handwashing

Contravention The following indicated that handwashing was not suitably managed:

- the wash hand basin in the storeroom (also serving the bake-off area) was dirty

Recommendation Install a dedicated wash hand basin within the bake-off area to ensure staff have readily accessible handwashing facilities. The existing wash hand basin located in the storeroom is not ideally positioned for routine use during food handling activities.

Legal Requirement An adequate number of wash hand basins must be available for use, they must be suitably located and designated for cleaning hands.

Personal Hygiene

Observation I was pleased to see that standards of personal hygiene were good.

Temperature Control

Observation I was pleased to see you were able to limit bacterial growth and/or survival by applying appropriate temperature controls at points critical to food safety and that you were monitoring temperatures.

2. Structure and Cleaning

The structure facilities and standard of cleaning and maintenance are of a generally satisfactory standard but there are some repairs and/or improvements which are required in order for you to comply with the law. Pest control and waste disposal provisions are adequate. The contraventions require your attention; although not critical to food safety they may become so if not addressed. **(10)**

Cleaning of Structure

Contravention The following items were dirty and require more frequent and thorough cleaning:

- drainage gullies at the front of the chillers in the shop
- wash hand basin in the storeroom
- floor wall junctions especially in the storeroom and bake-off area
- behind and under equipment in the storeroom and bake-off area
- around equipment feet in the storeroom and bake-off area
- sticky residue on the wall surface in the storeroom
- strip curtain to the bake-off area

Recommendation Your cleaning schedule is there to remind you to clean before an item becomes dirty. If an item is dirty when you go to clean it, increase the frequency of cleaning.

Cleaning of Equipment and Food Contact Surfaces

Contravention The following items are dirty and must be cleaned:

- oven
- knife holder
- hand contact surfaces such as the walk-in chiller door handle
- knives used in the bake-off area

Cleaning Chemicals / Materials / Equipment and Methods

Observation I was pleased to see that your cleaning materials and equipment were able to minimise the spread of harmful bacteria between surfaces.

Maintenance

Contravention The following had not been suitably maintained and must be repaired or replaced:

- wall surfaces damaged
- woodwork damaged

Facilities and Structural provision

Observation I was pleased to see that adequate facilities had been provided.

Pest Control

Observation You have a pest control contract in place (Millennium Pest Control) and there is no evidence of pest activity on the premises.

3. Confidence in Management

A food safety management system is in place, and you demonstrate a very good standard of compliance with the law. You have a good track record. There are some minor contraventions which require your attention. **(5)**

Type of Food Safety Management System Required

Observation Your SFBB/food safety management system was in place and working well. I was confident you had effective control over hazards to food.

Observation You were monitoring (and recording) the temperatures of your fridges and freezers as well as the temperature of cooked/hot-held food and could demonstrate effective systems for controlling bacterial growth and survival.

Food Hazard Identification and Control

Contravention The following pre-requisites have not been met and this means that your food safety management system will be ineffective:

- cleaning requires improvement

Information Before implementing a food safety management system such as Safer Food Better Business, basic good hygiene conditions and practices called prerequisites must be in place. Only then will your food safety management system be effective in ensuring the preparation of safe food.

Traceability

Observation Your records were such that food could easily be traced back to its supplier.

Infection Control / Sickness / Exclusion Policy

Guidance UK Health Security Agency recommends that food handlers known or suspected to be suffering from a food-borne infection or gastrointestinal illness stay away from work until symptom-free for 48 hours.

Observation Policies were in place to prevent any infected staff member from contaminating food.

Waste Food and other Refuse

Observation You had measures in place to dispose of waste food appropriately and were employing the services of an approved waste contractor.

Training

Observation I was pleased to see that food handlers had been trained to an appropriate level and evidence of their training was made available.

Allergens

Observation Most items sold were pre-packed and labelled with allergen information.

Observation You had identified the presence of allergens in your non-prepacked food and had brought this to the attention of your customers.