



Public Protection (food & safety)

Food Premises Inspection Report

Name of business:	Noodle & Pot
Address of food business:	20 St John Maddermarket Norwich NR2 1DN
Date of inspection:	09/01/2019
Risk rating reference:	19/0001O/FOOD
Premises reference:	18/00122/FD_HS
Type of premises:	Restaurant
Areas inspected:	Main Kitchen, Storeroom
Records examined:	None
Details of samples procured:	None
Summary of action taken:	Informal
General description of business:	Chinese Restaurant

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 3 - a generally satisfactory standard



1. Food Hygiene and Safety

Food hygiene standards are generally satisfactory and being maintained. There is evidence of some non-compliance with legal requirements. Some lapses are evident however generally you have satisfactory food handling practices and procedures and adequate control measures to prevent cross-contamination are in place. The contraventions require your attention; although not critical to food safety they may become so if not addressed. **(Score 10)**

Contamination risks

Contravention The following exposed ready-to-eat food and/or its packaging to the risk of cross-contamination with foodborne bacteria from raw meat or unwashed fruits and vegetables:

- noodles and seaweed were being stored in warm water in plastic containers next to the washing up sink. This practice encourages the growth of food poisoning bacteria. I recommend that you cook the food to the manufacturers instructions and then store in cold water in lidded containers in the fridge
- the same containers were being used for storing raw foods i.e chicken and cooked foods in the under counter fridge.
- green chopping board in the noodle bar.

Legal Requirement At all stages of production, processing and distribution, food must be protected from any contamination likely to render it unfit for human consumption, injurious to health or contaminated in such a way that it would be unreasonable to expect it to be consumed in that state.

Guidance If heat disinfection or a dishwasher is not possible, separate equipment and utensils should be used for handling raw and RTE foods. Such equipment should be easily identifiable (colour coded) and must be stored and washed separately.

Information The FSA (visit www.food.gov.uk for more information) has issued guidance on controlling E.coli 0157 through:

- * the complete separation of raw and ready-to-eat food
- * the correct use of wash-hand basins and thorough hand washing
- * having separate dedicated equipment (including complex equipment) for raw and for ready-to-eat foods
- * through 2-stage cleaning and the correct use of sanitisers
- * and by controlling the risks posed by soily vegetables.

Recommendation Provide separate equipment and utensils designated for use with either raw or ready-to-eat foods, which can be easily identified (e.g. colour coded) and stored and washed separately.

Hand-washing

Contravention There was no towel to the towel dispenser at the wash hand basin.

Personal Hygiene

Contravention The following are examples of poor personal hygiene or where it was made difficult for food handlers to maintain sufficiently high standards of personal cleanliness:

- it was noted that the staff were not wearing clean over-clothing. I was informed that the same over-clothing was worn for 3 days. You must ensure that all persons working in food handling areas wear clean protective clothing.

Temperature Control

Contravention The following foods were not being stored in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions:

- tripe was being defrosted at room temperature. This practice encourages the growth of food poisoning bacteria. I recommend you thaw food in covered containers in the fridge.

Recommendation The core temperature of cooked and reheated foods should reach 75°C for 30 seconds or an equivalent time and temperature combination.

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. **(Score 10)**

Cleaning of Structure

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

- tiles behind the washing up sink
- flooring underneath the washing up sink
- flooring in the cellar.

Cleaning of Equipment and Food Contact Surfaces

Contravention The following surfaces and equipment were dirty and must be cleaned or replaced::

- food debris was seen to the wash hand basin
- seals to the fridges
- container storing flour in the noodle bar.

Cleaning Chemicals / Materials / Equipment and Methods

Guidance Even when using a surface sanitiser you should be following the 'two-stage' cleaning method. Apply the sanitiser once to remove visible dirt and food debris and then a second time to ensure effective disinfection. Make sure you follow the correct contact time for the product.

Maintenance

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

- gap behind the wash hand basin
- flooring to the cellar
- open chimney in the cellar
- peeling paint to the windows
- bare wood structure to the area where rice is stored in the noodle bar
- flooring in the kitchen was in a poor state of repair

Facilities and Structural provision

Contravention The lighting was not sufficient to allow safe food preparation and thorough cleaning in the following areas:

- 2 light bulbs in the noodle bar were not working

Legal Requirement All areas where food is stored or handled must have lighting of sufficient intensity to allow safe food preparation and thorough cleaning.

3. Confidence in Management

There are generally satisfactory food safety controls in place although there is evidence of some non-compliance with the law. The contraventions require your attention; although not critical to food safety they may become so if not addressed. **(Score 10)**

Type of Food Safety Management System Required

Contravention You do not have a food safety management system. Implement Safer Food Better Business or an equivalent food safety management system.

Legal Requirement Food business operators must put in place, implement and maintain a permanent procedure or procedures based on HACCP principles:

- Identify hazards to food.
- Identify the critical limits (what is acceptable and unacceptable).
- Monitor critical control points to ensure critical limits are met.

Keep appropriate records to demonstrate control measures are effective.

Legal Requirement Ensure that your food safety management system is available on site so your staff can refer to your procedures and so that daily records of checks can be completed.

Information You can download a Safer Food Better Business pack and refill diary pages from the FSA website: www.food.gov.uk/business-industry/caterers/sfbb

Information If you want to keep everything on your computer or tablet an electronic version of the Safer Food Better Business pack is also available on the FSA website www.food.gov.uk/business-industry/caterers/sfbb However, do make sure staff have access to it at all times when working.

Information As you are a new business you have been given the benefit of the doubt despite your food safety management system not fully complying with the law. You must act on this now as your hygiene rating score will be reduced to a maximum of 1 if there is a similar situation at the next visit.

Food Hazard Identification and Control

Contravention The following matters demonstrated that you have not identified hazards to food (such as bacteria growing on food, bacteria surviving in cooked food and cross-contamination) or the methods of control at critical points in your operation::

- using same containers for raw foods and cooked foods
- storing food in warm water in containers

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.

Infection Control / Sickness / Exclusion Policy

Guidance Public Health England 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.

Allergens

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