



Public Protection (food & safety)

Food Premises Inspection Report

Name of business:	Paolo's Restaurant
Address of food business:	1 St Giles Street Norwich NR2 1JJ
Date of inspection:	14/02/2025
Risk rating reference:	25/00140/FOOD
Premises reference:	15480/0001/0/000
Type of premises:	Restaurant or cafe
Areas inspected:	All
Records examined:	SFBB, Cleaning Schedule, Temperature Control Records
Details of samples procured:	None
Summary of action taken:	Informal
General description of business:	Restaurant - Italian

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 5 - a very 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. **(Score 5)**

Contamination risks

Recommendation Open packets of food were found in the chest freezer. Food stored like this is at risk of contamination from foreign bodies falling onto it and in a freezer if stored long term may dehydrate (freezer-burn)

Hand-washing

Observation I was pleased to see handwashing was generally well managed.

Personal Hygiene

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

Temperature Control

Recommendation Infrared thermometers can be used as a simple and speedy way of checking the surface temperatures of hot and cold food. When using them you need to remember that they measure the surface temperature of the food or wrapping rather than the core temperature of the food. This would be suitable for the cooked chicken that was being temporarily stored on the side in the kitchen.

2. Structure and Cleaning

The structure facilities and standard of cleaning and maintenance are all of a good standard and only minor repairs and/or improvements are required. Pest control and waste disposal provisions are adequate. The minor contraventions require your attention. **(Score 5)**

Cleaning of Structure

Contravention The following items could not be effectively cleaned and must be covered, made non-absorbent or replaced:

- Wooden knife block in the kitchen.

Recommendation Wooden knife blocks should not be used in commercial kitchens because the wood inevitably becomes damaged and scratched by contact with the blades of the knives and the slots allow accumulation of debris and cannot be effectively cleaned or sanitised.

Cleaning of Equipment and Food Contact Surfaces

Contravention The following items are dirty and must be cleaned:

- hand contact surfaces on the double upright fridge in the rear preparation area and on the handles of undercounter fridges in the kitchen.

Cleaning Chemicals / Materials / Equipment and Methods

Information You must ensure that the sanitisers you use are effective against bacteria. Ensure that they meet the following standards BS EN 1276:1997 and 13697:2001.

Observation I was pleased to see that the premises were generally kept clean and that your cleaning materials, methods and equipment were able to minimise the spread of harmful bacteria between surfaces.

Maintenance

Contravention The following items were in the process of being fitted:

- Corner strips to the edges of laminate wall coverings in the rear preparation room

Facilities and Structural provision

Observation I was pleased to see the premises had been generally well maintained and that adequate facilities had been provided.

Pest Control

Observation I was pleased to see that the premises was proofed against the entry of pests and that pest control procedures were in place.

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. **(Score 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 date labelling perishable foods appropriately and could demonstrate effective control over food spoilage organisms.

Recommendation Recording times and temperature of food that is being temporarily held at room temperature would enable you to demonstrate that you are controlling the risk of food that are between 63°C and 8°C so that high risk foods such as cooked chicken do not spend more than 90 minutes between these temperature limits.

Traceability

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

Infection Control / Sickness / Exclusion Policy

Observation Policies were in place to prevent any infected food handler 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 You had devised a chart listing all the food you provide with the allergens present in each and had brought this to the attention of your staff and customers.