

Public Protection (food & safety)**Food Premises Inspection Report**

Name of business:	Toho
Address of food business:	128 Dereham Road Norwich NR2 3AF
Date of inspection:	06/08/2025
Risk rating reference:	25/00664/FOOD
Premises reference:	19/00300/FD_HS
Type of premises:	Restaurant or cafe
Areas inspected:	Other, Main Kitchen
Records examined:	Cleaning Schedule, Temperature Control Records
Details of samples procured:	None
Summary of action taken:	Informal
General description of business:	Bar/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 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 You had not protected the articles and/or the equipment you use for ready-to-eat food from the contamination risk posed by raw food or its packaging:

- insufficient separation of equipment used for raw and RTE food
- cutlery stored within splash range of washing up sink
- cutting boards were badly scored and need replacing
- tea towel used to steady cutting board
- towel used to steady equipment
- worn scourer
- bags of food i.e potatoes stored on the floor
- cling film stored loose

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.

Recommendation Use silicone board mats to stabilise your cutting boards. These can be placed in the dishwasher and /or can be sterilised.

Information The FSA 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 dedicated equipment (including complex equipment) for raw and ready-to-eat foods
- thorough 2-stage cleaning and the correct use of sanitisers
- and by controlling the risks posed by soil contaminated vegetables.

Visit: www.food.gov.uk for more information

Hand washing

Contravention The following evidence indicated hand washing was not suitably managed:

- there was no soap to the wash hand basin behind the bar

Legal requirement Washbasins must be available, suitably located and designated for cleaning hands. Wash-hand basins must be provided with hot and cold (or mixed) running water. Soap and hand drying facilities must be located nearby.

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:

- staff were not wearing suitable protective clothing
- food handler had an uncovered dirty bandage to hand

Legal requirement All persons in food handling areas must wear suitable, clean, and where appropriate protective clothing

Temperature Control

Contravention The following evidence indicated there was a risk of bacteria growing on food:

- food was not being cooked to a core temperature of 75°C for 30 seconds (or equivalent)

Poor Practices

Contravention The following matters represented poor practice and if allowed to continue may cause food to become contaminated or lead to its deterioration

- no date of when opened on open food i.e feta cheese in fridge
- no dates of when prepared on prepared foods in fridges

- uncovered foods stored in fridges
- food i.e open can Carnation milk stored in fridge
- food i.e breakfast muffins stored beyond 'Best before' date of 1/12

Legal requirement Once opened, canned food which is to be stored should be transferred to plastic covered containers, designed for the storage of food, to prevent chemical contamination of the food

Guidance It is an offence to use food which is not of the nature, substance or quality demanded by the consumer. Food used passed it's 'best before' date could be of a reduced quality so you must check it is OK before you use it.

Recommendation You should have a system to identify when open or prepared foods need to be used by or discarded, to ensure the food is fit for consumption. I recommend you apply labels which give a day or date that is 2 days after the day of production e.g. if food is opened on Monday it should be used by the end of Wednesday. (An exception is cooked rice which should not be kept longer than 24 hours)

Guidance If you freeze high risk foods you must ensure that you freeze them before the USE BY date has passed. You must also have a good system to manage the food when you have defrosted it to ensure it is used before the USE BY date and when defrosted labelled with a date so that it is used within 2 days

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:

- floor/wall junctions
- flooring around equipment feet
- flooring behind and under equipment
- pipe work
- threshold to door

Cleaning of Equipment and Food Contact Surfaces

Contravention The following items are dirty and must be cleaned:

- underneath towel dispenser
- underneath soap dispenser
- seals to fridges
- hinge to fridges

- Interior ceiling to microwave
- lids to sauce bottles
- cloth to work surface
- legs to equipment
- wheels to equipment
- stainless steel work surfaces
- storage containers
- containers storing oil
- drawer to griddle

Information personal items such as phones radios in the kitchen must be kept clean and stored so that they do not contaminate the food

Cleaning Chemicals / Materials / Equipment and Methods

Contravention The following evidence demonstrated your cleaning materials, equipment and methods were not sufficient to control the spread of harmful bacteria between surfaces:

- the sanitisers are not to BS EN 1276:1997 13697:2001 Standards
- you did not have appropriate cleaning chemicals available

Recommendation I recommend that items such as mops, buckets and brooms are stored in an area, room or cupboard separate from a food preparation or storage area so that the risk of food contamination is minimised

Maintenance

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

- split seals to fridges
- damage to fridge drawer

Facilities and Structural provision

Observation I was pleased to see the premises had been 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. **(5)**

Type of Food Safety Management System Required

Observation You were only using the diary part of Safer Food Better Business. Implement Safer Food Better Business or an equivalent food safety management system.

Proving Your Arrangements are Working Well

Contravention The Safe Methods in your Safer Food Better Business (SFBB) pack are intended to show you have identified the hazards to food and what you must do to control them. The following Safe Methods were either missing from your SFBB pack or had not been completed appropriately:

- cross-contamination
- cleaning
- chilling
- cooking

Contravention The following are needed in order to demonstrate your food safety management system is working:

- cleaning checks not done since 2/8
- opening checks not done on day of inspection
- staff training not filled in
- suppliers list not filled
- cleaning schedule not filled in

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

Recommendation A Level 2 Award in Food Safety in Catering or its equivalent (a 6-hour course leading to the award of a recognised certificate in food hygiene) would be appropriate for your food handlers. Booking details for the equivalent CIEH course are on our website: www.norwich.gov.uk

Recommendation Catering staff should refresh their food hygiene knowledge every 3 years so that they stay up to date with current legislation and good practice. Booking details for this course are on our website: www.norwich.gov.uk

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.