



Food Trailer and Food Cart Loss Prevention

Self-Inspection Checklist:

Practicing loss control is an important part of keeping your business profitable and up and running. By managing loss control you can lower the frequency and cost of losses that will directly affect your bottom line.

This checklist provides you with a tool to identify some areas that may need your attention. We recommend that you complete this checklist at least every six months.

Food Operations Yes No

- 1. Kitchen waste materials stored in metal containers with tight-fitting lids kept in designated areas and removed by carts to compactor or dumpster?
- 2. Chairs and tables free of pinch points and rough edges?
- 3. Operable automatic dry-chemical extinguishing system in hood and duct above ranges, grills and fat fryers and Extinguishing heads capped to prevent cooking buildup?
- 4. Extinguishing system(s) has semi-annual service contract with qualified firm?
- 5. Filters in exhaust system(s) cleaned at least daily?
- 6. Deep-fat fryer units controlled and provided with high-temperature shut-offs; overflow gutters provided?
- 7. Exhaust system(s) cleaned at least quarterly by qualified service contractor?
- 8. Cooking equipment and exhaust system hoods and ducts away from any combustible material?



Food Operations (continued) Yes No

- 9. Floors adjacent to deep-fat fryers dry and free of grease? Yes No
- 10. Floors near water mopped dry? Yes No
- 11. Knives placed in sheaths when not in use? Yes No
- 12. Proper guards in place and used with meat-slicing machines? Yes No
- 13. Are all employees that use kitchen equipment properly trained before being allowed to use? Yes No

Food Handling Practices Yes No

- 1. Food, in pans or containers, kept off the floor? Yes No
- 2. Perishable or potentially hazardous foods properly stored and not held at room temperature? Yes No
- 3. Fruits and vegetables thoroughly washed prior to preparation and serving? Yes No
- 4. Food warmers and steam tables used to reheat prepared foods? Yes No
- 5. Frozen foods properly thawed under refrigeration or under cold running water or cooked directly from frozen state? Yes No
- 6. Cutting boards washed and sanitized whenever the use switches between raw food and cooked or ready-to-serve food? Yes No
- 7. Utensils, not hands, used to pick up rolls, bread, ice, or other food to be served? Yes No
- 8. Employees wash hands after wiping tables and busing soiled dishes, before handling place-settings and serving food? Yes No



Fire Protection and Prevention

Yes No

- 1. Fire extinguishers of proper type(s), adequate in number, charged and tagged to show last service date?
- 2. Fire extinguishers properly wall-mounted, located appropriately for hazard involved, identified and accessible?
- 3. Employees trained in proper use of extinguishers and manual operation of dry-chemical system protecting cooking equipment?
- 4. Storage of combustibles not permitted within 30" of boilers, furnaces or other heat source?

Electrical Equipment

Yes No

- 1. Portable electrical equipment cords and extension cords in good condition, insulation not frayed or broken, plugs in good condition?
- 2. All electrical equipment properly grounded, portable electrical equipment and extension cords have ground prong?
- 3. Switches, switch boxes, outlets and wiring inspected periodically and deficiencies corrected?
- 4. Are all cords and generators placed and secured so that they don't create a tripping hazard?



Cold Storage and Refrigeration Equipment

Yes No

1. Refrigeration and air-conditioning compressors clean, well ventilated, kept clear of combustibles?
2. Compressor pulleys and driver belts properly guarded?
3. When restocking, new stock placed at rear and old stock moved up front for use first?
4. Cartons inspected for damage, spoiled and damaged food disposed of promptly and properly?
5. Recommended holding times for food followed?
6. Refrigeration equipment serviced under contract at regular bi-annual intervals?

Floors and Walking Surfaces

Yes No

1. Floor free from food spillage, silverware, broken glassware, loose mats, torn carpets or other hazards?
2. Outdoor walkways checked frequently for tripping hazards; repairs made promptly?
3. Changes in interior elevations properly illuminated?



Exterior Areas Yes No

- 1. Paths and parking lot well illuminated? Yes No
- 2. Steps, ramps, grounds, parking lot in good repair, free from holes or obstruction; well illuminated? Yes No
- 3. Are Signs, Table Umbrellas, and Shades properly secured? Yes No
- 4. Window Serving Tray securely attached and free of sharp edges? Yes No
- 5. Do overhangs allow for proper clearance for customers to walk under? Yes No

General Safe Practices Yes No

- 1. Pest-control services performed by a licensed, independent extermination contractor, substances used approved for use in food establishments? Yes No
- 2. Pest-control supplies stored off premises? Yes No
- 3. Fully equipped first-aid kit available at all times; at least one employee on each shift trained in its use? Yes No
- 4. Emergency telephone numbers for police and emergency medical services conspicuously posted? Yes No



Crime Yes No

- 1. Cash registers emptied and left open during non-operating hours?
2. Cash drawers skimmed frequently to reduce the amount of cash in each drawer?
3. Cash register tallies checked against deposits daily; other checks used to detect employee dishonesty?
4. Trailer or Cart wheels locked or wheels removed?
5. Procedures for closing and locking up trailer after hours?
6. Is the area around the trailer well lit afterhours?

Self-Inspection Checklist – Comments

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This checklist is intended only as a reminder and is offered solely as a guide to assist management in its responsibility of providing a safer working environment. This checklist is not intended to cover all possible hazardous conditions or unsafe acts that may exist. Other unsafe acts or hazardous conditions should also be noted and corrective action taken.
Inspected by _____ Date _____
Corrected by _____ Date _____

