



Public Protection (food & safety)

Food Premises Inspection Report

Name of business:	Maids Head Hotel
Address of food business:	Maids Head Hotel 20 Tombland Norwich NR3 1LB
Date of inspection:	12/12/2024
Risk rating reference:	24/00586/FOOD
Premises reference:	14/00200/FD_HS
Type of premises:	Hotel
Areas inspected:	All
Records examined:	Cleaning Schedule, FSMS, Training Certificates/records, Temperature Control Records, Pest Control Report
Details of samples procured:	None
Summary of action taken:	Informal
General description of business:	Large independent hotel with two kitchens and bars. Building listed.

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. **(Score 5)**

Contamination risks

Observation I was pleased to see you were able to demonstrate effective controls to prevent cross-contamination.

Hand-washing

Contravention The following indicated that hand-washing was not suitably managed::

- no means for hygienically drying hands was available at dedicated wash hand basin in downstairs kitchen. A fresh roll was made available straight away when this was raised with staff

Legal Requirement Wash hand basins must be provided with hot and cold running water and suitable drainage; soap and a hygienic way to dry hands.

Personal Hygiene

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

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:

- around equipment feet
- behind and under equipment
- ceiling
- floor wall junctions

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

- chipped dented wooden architrave
- rawl plugs and drill holes in wall
- unsealed wooden structures

Maintenance

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

- tiles are broken, holed, chipped ungrouted or missing
- wall cladding damaged
- floor surfaces damaged
- damaged/loose/dirty ceiling tiles throughout both main kitchens and food storage rooms

Observation I was pleased to note since the last inspection that you had new flooring installed in main kitchen, purchased new temperature control equipment, a new cooking range, hand held cooking equipment and ice machine. You had also investigated odour from drains. This required new pipe-work being installed to help reduce future odour issues.

Pest Control

Contravention Pest proofing is inadequate particularly in the following areas:

- the external doors
- damaged pest proof bristles to door into waste storage area

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

Observation You have a pest control contract in place 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. Your staff are suitably supervised and trained. Your records are appropriate and generally maintained. **(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.

Observation You had colour-coded equipment and effective separation between raw and ready-to-eat food at all stages in your operation.

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.

Information You had implemented new HACCP since the last inspection. You had employed the services of external auditors and retrained staff on implementing new HACCP procedures

Traceability

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

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.

Allergens

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

Observation You had clearly shown the presence of allergens in your food on your menu.

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.