



**Public Protection (food & safety)**

**Food Premises Inspection Report**

Name of business:	Take Thai Catering
Address of food business:	130 Dereham Road Norwich NR2 3AF
Date of inspection:	30/01/2025
Risk rating reference:	25/00117/FOOD
Premises reference:	24/00178/FD_HS
Type of premises:	Restaurant or cafe
Areas inspected:	All
Records examined:	Pest Control Report
Details of samples procured:	None
Summary of action taken:	Informal
General description of business:	Thai takeaway

**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.

<b>Compliance Area</b>	<b>You Score</b>					
Food Hygiene and Safety	0	<b>5</b>	10	15	20	25
Structure and Cleaning	0	<b>5</b>	10	15	20	25
Confidence in management & control systems	0	5	<b>10</b>	15	20	30
<b>Your Total score</b>	0 - 15	<b>20</b>	25 - 30	35 - 40	45 - 50	> 50
<b>Your Worst score</b>	5	<b>10</b>	10	15	20	-
<b>Your Rating is</b>	5	<b>4</b>	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**

**Contravention** The following exposed food to the general risk of cross-contamination with bacteria or allergens or its physical contamination with dirt, foreign objects or chemicals:

- containers of food, possibly noodles were on the floor beneath the worktops
- a dirty fabric cloth was being used to stabilise chopping boards
- several containers containing food were seen to have broken and cracked plastic
- many prepared food containers were undated
- containers used to scoop dry ingredients had been left laying in the food

- a fabric cloth was used to wipe the table clean near the lidding area

**Guidance** The FSA (visit [www.food.gov.uk](http://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 handwashing
- 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 soily vegetables.

**Guidance** If equipment and utensils (for example chopping boards, containers and tongs) are to be used for raw and RTE foods, they should be disinfected by heat or an adequate dishwasher cycle (able to reach 82°C for 15 seconds) between uses.

**Recommendation** Chopping/cutting boards must be stored in a rack properly divided to stop cross-contamination and to allow aeration

**Recommendation** Use silicone board mats to stabilise your cutting boards (not tea towels or cloths). These can be placed in the dishwasher and /or can be sterilised.

**Observation** I was pleased to see you were able to demonstrate effective controls to prevent cross-contamination. Glove use by staff was good. I have been advised that colour coded containers are on order.

### Hand-washing

**Observation** I was pleased to see hand washing was well managed.

### Personal Hygiene

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

### Temperature Control

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

- I was advised that bulk cooking is cooled for 4 hours. This should be reduced to 2 hours or less.

**Observation** I was pleased to see you were generally able to limit bacterial growth and/or survival by applying appropriate temperature controls at points critical to food safety and that you were monitoring temperatures. Excellent temperature monitoring is carried out.

### Unfit food

**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 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)

## **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

**Observation** The kitchen had been well maintained and the standard of visual cleaning was exceptionally high.

### Cleaning of Equipment and Food Contact Surfaces

**Observation** You had colour-coded equipment on which to prepare 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:

- you did not have appropriate cleaning chemicals available- no sanitiser was available at all.

### Maintenance

**Observation** You are maintaining the premises in good condition.

### 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** You have a pest control contract in place and there is no evidence of pest activity on the premises.

## **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** Your documented Food Safety Management System or Safer Food Better Business pack was not available for inspection. As a consequence you could not demonstrate an effective system for managing food safety hazards.

- this had been temporarily removed but has been returned and will be checked.

**Information** The absence of any documentation has resulted in a poor score for confidence in management and this, in turn, has had an adverse effect on your Food Hygiene Rating.

### Proving Your Arrangements are Working Well

**Contravention** You are not working to the following safe methods in your SFBB pack:

- cloths / cross contamination
- sanitiser

### Traceability

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

### Infection Control / Sickness / Exclusion Policy

**Guidance** UK Health Security Agency 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.

**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.

**Observation** I have been told all staff have attained Level 2 food safety training.

### Allergens

**Contravention** You are failing to manage allergens properly:

- you have not identified the allergens present in the food you prepare in a formal manner, although awareness appears good. I understand the new menu which will be launched soon will contain allergen information.