

Food safety - your responsibilities

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Food safety

If your business deals in food you must:

- make sure food is [safe to eat](http://www.food.gov.uk/foodindustry/regulation/hygleg/hyglegresources/sfbb/) (<http://www.food.gov.uk/foodindustry/regulation/hygleg/hyglegresources/sfbb/>)
- make sure you do not add, remove or treat food in a way that makes it harmful to eat
- make sure the food is the same quality that you say it is
- make sure you do not mislead people by the way food is labelled, advertised or marketed
- keep records on where you got food from and show this information on demand - known as [‘traceability’](https://www.food.gov.uk/sites/default/files/media/document/fsa1782002guidance.pdf) (PDF, 90KB) (<https://www.food.gov.uk/sites/default/files/media/document/fsa1782002guidance.pdf>)
- withdraw unsafe food and complete an incident report
- tell people why food has been withdrawn or recalled, for example by using a leaflet or poster

- display your food hygiene rating (if you sell food direct to the public)

Food additives

If you use an additive in food you must:

- only use an [approved additive](http://www.food.gov.uk/safereating/additivesbranch/enumberlist) (<http://www.food.gov.uk/safereating/additivesbranch/enumberlist>)
- only use it if it is an [approved additive or E number](https://www.food.gov.uk/business-guidance/approved-additives-and-e-numbers) (<https://www.food.gov.uk/business-guidance/approved-additives-and-e-numbers>) for use in that food

The [approved additive or E number](https://www.food.gov.uk/business-guidance/approved-additives-and-e-numbers) (<https://www.food.gov.uk/business-guidance/approved-additives-and-e-numbers>) must not exceed the maximum permitted level.

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