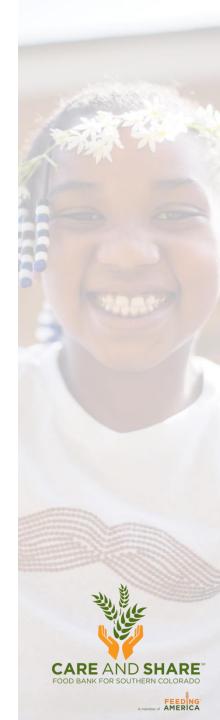
# **FOOD SAFETY TRAINING**





### YOU WILL LEARN...

- How to safely transport food
- How to receive all food safely
- How to sort food safely
- Which items you can keep
- How to repackage food safely
- How to store food safely
- Proper temperatures for storage
- Proper distribution of food
- Pest control



### **LOADING AND TRANSPORTING**

## **FOOD SAFELY**

Keep food at safe temperatures in unrefrigerated vehicles.





Use coolers with ice packs or cover food with thermal blankets

Keep travels time to less than 30 minutes

#### **Prevent Contamination**







DON'T store raw food over readyto-eat food DON'T store allergens over other products DON'T store chemicals with food products



## RECEIVING FOOD





- Check food temperatures after arriving at your destination
  - Check all refrigerated and frozen items for spoilage and damage
- Store refrigerated and frozen food in refrigerators and freezers as soon as you can



## **SORTING FOOD**

#### Discard products if:

- The seal is pierced
- There is visual evidence of product contamination
- Glass jars with dents on the lids
- Jars with a raised center that may not spring back right after being depressed
- Severely damaged cans when the crease is folded onto itself
- Cans with dents deeper than a thumb nail or with sharp corners
- Cans if the dent is so deep it deforms the end of the can causing it to wobble
- Cans where rust remains after wiping
- Cans with the crease or dent is over a can seam
- Swollen cans

To review a more detail version of the <u>Sorting Guidelines</u>, visit the <u>Food Safety</u> link on the <u>Agency Portal</u>.



## ITEMS YOU CAN KEEP

- If the seal is slightly damaged but shows no evidence of tampering
- Cans with a flat dent on a seam no more than 1/4 inch (unless the dent is tipped inward)
- Pull-top can lids with dents can only be kept if the contents are dried foods with no leakage
- If the band is broken and the pop-up seal is intact
- Produce with some spots, soft areas or bruises is generally safe to use



## REPACKAGING FOOD

Care and Share Food Bank recommends that agencies DO NOT repack food items that are not boiled prior to consumption.

#### Repackaging Policy:

- Agency must have a sanitized workplace for repackaging
- Volunteers must wear gloves and hairnets
- Use new zip-lock bags only
- All individual packages must have:
  - Name of the food in the package
  - Quantity of food
  - Packaging date
  - Copy of nutrition facts label

For a more detailed description of the <u>repackaging policy</u>, visit the Care and Share Food Bank <u>Agency Portal</u>



## SHELF-STABLE FOOD STORAGE

- All food must be stored 4 inches off of the floor and 2 inches away from the wall
- The storage area must be clean and odor free
- All trash cans in the food storage area must have a lid
- All food should be stored with the oldest date in the front with older dates in the back
- Non-food and toxic items (soap, cleaning supplies, etc.) need to be stored separate from the food
- The storage area needs to be secure with limited access



### REFRIGERATOR AND FREEZER STORAGE



Top—Ready to eat foods

2nd— Produce

3rd—Raw Fish

4th—Raw Beef & Pork

Bottom— Raw Poultry

To avoid cross contamination, follow the order of food in this diagram.

- Each refrigerator and freezer units needs to have a thermometer in it at all times to verify it is in the proper temperature range
- All units need to be clean and odor free
- Units need to have adequate air-flow
- Do not over-fill a unit with too much food
  - Defrost the freezer if there is too much frost build-up
  - Food in units needs to be stored with the oldest date in the front and the newest date in the back.



### **PROPER TEMPERATURES**

- All food storage should be temperature controlled
  - Refrigerator Units 32° to 40°
  - Freezer Units 0° to -10°
  - Storage area 50 $^{\circ}$  to 70 $^{\circ}$
- Each food storage area/unit should have the temperature checked and logged weekly

Care and Share Food Bank provides a <u>Temperature Control Log</u> on the <u>Agency Portal</u> at <u>CareandShare.org</u>



#### DISTRIBUTING FOOD SAFELY

- Do not let clients use bags or containers that show signs of contamination
- Make sure the food is not stored on the floor for any part of the distribution
- Ensure that the food is stored in refrigerator of freezer units until the food is distributed



## **PEST CONTROL**

- Each food storage area needs to be inspected for signs of pests
- All food storage sites need to keep documentation of the pest control process in place
- Invoice from a certified pest control company to show a monthly service contract
- Pest control logs filled out weekly by someone who manages the food storage

 Care and Share provides <u>Pest Control Logs</u> on the <u>Agency Portal</u>



#### **ADDITIONAL FOOD SAFETY RESOURCES**

- Expiration Date Guide (Excluded for USDA Programs)
- Cleaning vs. Sanatizing
- Sorting Produce Guidelines
- SafeServe Food Safety Certification
- Fresh Produce Guide
- <u>Calibrating and Using Infrared</u>
  <u>Thermometers</u>

All safety documents can be found on the <u>Food Safety</u> link on the Care and Share <u>Agency Portal</u>.



## **TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE**

To test your knowledge on food safety, click the food safety icon to take a quiz!



Good Luck!