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Food Safety

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## Introduction

Food safety is an important part of patient care. Handling and serving food and beverages requires special care and attention. This standard applies to any facility which provides patients with any beverages (with the exception of water), snacks and/or meals.

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No.	Description	Reference	Risk	Change	Asmt.
<b>FSP1.0</b>	<b>FOOD SAFETY</b>				
<b>FSP1.1</b>	<b>Essential food safety practices are in place.</b>				
FSP1.1.1	<b>M</b> Food and beverage storage and preparation areas are constructed of materials that are smooth, easily cleanable and impervious to moisture.	1, 2, 3, 5	M	NEW	P, F
FSP1.1.2	<b>M</b> Food, beverages, utensils and dishes are stored in dedicated cupboards and drawers.	2, 3, 5	M	NEW	P, F
FSP1.1.3	<b>M</b> Food, beverages, utensils and dishes storage cupboards and drawers are visibly clean.	2, 5	H	NEW	P, F
FSP1.1.4	<b>M</b> Food and beverages that require cold storage are refrigerated at 4oC or colder.	2, 3, 5, 6	H	NEW	P, F
FSP1.1.5	<b>M</b> The temperature of refrigerators used for food and beverage storage is checked and documented daily.	2, 3, 5, 6	M	NEW	P, F
FSP1.1.6	<b>M</b> Food and beverage refrigerators are exclusive to food and beverage storage.	2, 3, 5	H	NEW	P, F
FSP1.1.7	<b>M</b> Food and beverage refrigerators are visibly clean.	5	H	NEW	P, F
FSP1.1.8	<b>M</b> Food and beverages are within their labelled expiry date or best before dates, as appropriate,	2, 5	H	NEW	P, F
FSP1.1.9	<b>M</b> Only commercially prepared and packaged food and beverages are served to patients.  Guidance: Serving food from commercial caterers or food delivery service is permitted. However, caution must be taken if this food requires reheating.	2, 5, 6	H	NEW	F

No.	Description	Reference	Risk	Change	Asmt.
FSP1.1.10	<p><b>M</b> Only single-use utensils and dishes are provided to patients.</p> <p>Guidance: Where possible, compostable or recyclable products are used.</p>	3, 5	H	NEW	F
FSP1.1.11	<p><b>B</b> The facility should have a food safety plan.</p> <p>Guidance: A food safety plan should outline the steps on receiving, preparation and storage of food and beverages to make sure it is safe.</p>	2, 4, 5	B	NEW	F

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