Powell River Action Centre Society Food Bank (PRAC Food Bank)
Food Operations and Safety
Policy 2024

Operational Controls – Personnel Food Safety Practices

The PRAC Food Bank Policy on Personnel Food Safe Practices is as follows:

1. All employees and volunteers of the organization are familiar with the handwashing and glove use policies and will mitigate the risk of contamination by following the policies to the letter.
2. All employees and volunteers are familiar with the personal hygiene policy, restated here:
    a. All operators, employees, and volunteers that work in direct contact with food (e.g., repackaging) should:
        i. • maintain a high degree of personal cleanliness
    b. • wear clean outer garments and some form of hair restraint
    c. • wash their hands and exposed portions of their arms thoroughly in an adequate handwashing facility:
        i. - before starting work
        ii. - after visiting the toilet
        iii. - after smoking
        iv. - after eating
        v. - after handling raw meat or poultry
        vi. - after handling foods containing allergens
        vii. - as often as necessary
    d. • avoid eating food, drinking beverages, or using tobacco in any form in areas where food is exposed or in areas used for washing equipment or utensils
    e. • never work in the FDO while ill with a disease that is communicable through food (e.g., Hepatitis A). (Managers of FDOs should be particularly vigilant with regard to persons with symptoms such as diarrhea, vomiting, jaundice, or infected cuts/boils)
    f. • comply with the Food Premises Regulations requirements of the BCCDC.

The employees and volunteers all know that there is a handwashing and glove use policy and adhere to it always.
The employees and volunteers are all aware of the personal hygiene policy and protective wear policy.
All employees and volunteers are aware that there is an illness and injury policy, and they should not attend when sick or injured.

The Food Bank manager can verify all the above.
This policy will be reviewed on an annual basis by the Policy Committee working with the Food Bank Manager.