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HYGIENE



1. Personal hygiene

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Personal hygiene is defined as:



Keeping yourself clean Includes: hair, body and especially the hands



Avoiding poor personal hygiene habits



Wearing clean, protective outer clothing and appropriate headgear

2. Why is personal hygiene important?



It prevents food poisoning and contamination



To comply with the law



Keep up your appearance

3. When should hands be washed?

BEFORE

- Starting work
- Handling food, especially if cooked or ready-to-eat, as the product will receive no further treatment to eradicate bacteria
- Changing from one job to another e.g. between handling money and preparing food

AFTER

- Using the toilet
- Handling raw meat
- Sneezing, coughing, blowing your nose
- Touching eyes, nose, face, hair, mouth, cuts
- Smoking, coffee/lunch breaks and cleaning duties
- Handling money or waste