SELF-AUDIT SAFETY CHECKLIST FOR SCHOOL KITCHENS





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Deli Slicer	Y	Ν	Correction Required	Date/Initials
A guard covers unused portions of rotary blade.				
A feeding attachment protects hands when feeding the slicer.				
Cut-resistant gloves are used when cleaning deli slicer.				
Blade retracted when slicer is cleaned or not in use.				
A cleaning device with a handle is used for cleaning and repair.				
Workers trained on safe work practices.				
Dough Mixer	Y	Ν	Correction Required	Date/Initials
Interlocked guard prevents hands from entering bowl with blades are in motion.				
Workers are trained on safe work practices.				
Electrical	Y	N	Correction Required	Date/Initials
Electrical outlets and switches - cover plates installed.				
Receptacles are grounded.				
GFCI receptacles at sinks and wet locations.				
Extension cords are not used for permanent wiring.				
Power cords - electrical grounding pins (3-prong) are intact.				
Power stripes are not piggybacked.				
Emergency Egress	Y	Ν	Correction Required	Date/Initials
Exit doors are accessible, and not blocked.				
Exit doors are marked.				
The Emergency Action Plan is available.				
Fans for Temporary Cooling	Y	Ν	Correction Required	Date/Initials
Fan blades guarded by cage; openings less than 1/2 inch.				
Fan cords have 3-prong plug or double insulates.				
Fire Prevention	Y	Ν	Correction Required	Date/Initials
Items not hung from ceiling or obstructing sprinklers.				
Combustibles kept clear from flames and hot appliances.				
Extension cords NOT used to power appliances.				

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Hazardous Chemicals	Y	Ν	Correction Required	Date/Initials
Containers kept closed, labeled.				
Safety Data Sheet (SDS) for each product is available.				
Eyewash available if chemical products are corrosive.				
Employees trained on chemical use and PPE.				
Knife Safety	Y	Ν	Correction Required	Date/Initials
Employees trained on knife safety (cutting, cleaning, etc.).				
Lockout/Tagout (LO/TO)	Y	Ν	Correction Required	Date/Initials
Written LO/TO program for repair, maintenance of deli slicer, dishwasher, oven, freezer, and other appliances.				
Locks and Tags for LO/TO used.				
Employees trained on LO/TO.				
Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)	Y	N	Correction Required	Date/Initials
Gloves, goggles used for corrosive cleaning products.				
Cut-resistant gloves used when cleaning deli slicer.				
A hazard assessment for selection of PPE conducted.				
Workers trained on PPE required for each task conducted.				
Shelves	Y	Ν	Correction Required	Date/Initials
Shelves secured from tipping. Items stored to prevent falling.				
Heavy items stored below shoulder height.				
Sink Disposal	Y	Ν	Correction Required	Date/Initials
A safety throat guard is installed to prevent hands from being able to be inserted into disposal.				
Slip, Trip Prevention	Y	N	Correction Required	Date/Initials
Floors maintained as dry as feasible.				
Slippery, greasy floors; consult with vendor for better floor cleaner that reduced slipperiness.				
Wet floors cleaned immediately.				
Floors kept free of tripping hazards, power cords, and clutter.				
Walking aisles kept clear and uncluttered.				

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Ramps and Stairs have railings.				
Walk-in refrigerator door can be opened from inside the refrigerator.				
Floors kept clear of ice and aisles clear of obstructions.				
Required Training - School Kitchen	New Hire (1)		Refresher (2)	Date/Initials
Emergency action plan for all employees in Facility.	Y	es		
Hazard communication on chemical products.	Yes Yes		Performance Based	
Personal Protective Equipment.				
Ladder training for staff that use ladders.*	Yes			
Lockout/Tagout for staff who perform maintenance/repair.	Yes			
Staff trained on use of equipment (deli slicer, dough mixer, steamer, knife safety, etc.). Follow owner's manual.	Y	Yes		

*List of different ladder types (OSHA)

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