PERSONAL HYGIENE Checklist for food handlers

Be clean. Personal cleanliness is essential when working in food preparation areas.



Wear clean, readily washable work clothing. Work clothes should not be worn outside of the food-service establishment.



Keep hair and /or beards clean and under control.



Wash hands often with soap and warm water before starting work. Always wash hands after using the toilet and whenever hands become soiled.



Cut finger nails short and keep them clean at all times.



When working with food, use tools such as ladles, tongs, or scoops instead of hands whenever possible.



Do not eat, drink, chew gum or smoke when handling food.



Do not brush teeth or hair, apply cosmetics, or change clothing in the food preparation area.

