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Congratulations on starting the 'SafeFoodHandler' programme.

There are new food laws in New Zealand; the Food Act 2014 and the Food Regulations 2015. These new laws now place the responsibility onto businesses to produce safe and suitable food. This responsibility is supported through the use of Food Control Plans and National Programmes.

The SafeFoodHandler Programme has recently been modified to make it current with the new law and to help staff to quickly get used to the principles and practices that they will need to apply as part of their role as a food handler.

The aim of this programme is to make sure that people, who eat food that has been prepared, handled or served by you, only receive safe and suitable food.

By completing the programme you will show that you have a positive attitude towards the important principles of safe food handling and your customers will feel more confident about buying and eating food produced or served by you.

There are thousands of businesses in New Zealand where prepared food is sold directly to the public and hundred that produce food for sale by wholesale. Clearly it's an impossible task for food safety officers and/or verifiers to continually check every chicken cooked, every hand washing, every refrigerator etc. For this reason this programme has given priority to the task of getting the people who handle food at these outlets to take on the responsibility themselves of preparing food safely.

The 'Key to Success'

Food safety involves knowing and doing. You have to know what makes food safe or unsafe, and even more importantly commit to ensuring that you only provide safe and suitable food to your customers.

It is this combination of knowledge and commitment on your part that will encourage you to 'Walk the Talk' and indeed be a 'Safe Food Handler'



"Get the Knowledge, Make the Commitment, Walk the Talk"

Headlines that any food business wants to avoid

Food poisoning cases spike

Food bug takes down mayor and councillors

University students felled by bug after party

When food can kill

Don't blame us for gastro bug says lettuce supplier

Thousands at risk from food bug

Food poisoning epidemic: Range of foods linked to bug

Stomach bug hits Waikato

Tracking the cause of a painful food poisoning epidemic

**Don't be Part of the Problem
Become Part of the Solution
Be a 'Safe Food Handler'**