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Food Recall



What is a food recall?

A food recall occurs when a food product that poses a health and/or safety risk to the public is removed from all areas of the supply chain, including retail outlets. If a food is recalled, consumers are advised not to consume it and to return or dispose of the recalled food .

Food recalls are issued to protect public health and safety. It is important to safeguard childcare staff and the children in care, and be informed and pay attention to guidance issued by governing bodies when a food has been recalled.



How do you know if a food has been recalled?

Food recall notices are given through the news, at your local grocery store and online at www.recalls.gov. You can also receive updates by following Food Standards Australia and New Zealand (FSANZ) on Facebook or twitter.

What do you do if you have served a recalled food?

Inform the families at your setting. Advise them of the recall and the steps that you have been provided with by the supplier, FSANZ or through the news. Ask that they monitor their children using the following:

- **If your child has eaten the recalled food but doesn't feel unwell:**
Monitor the child who consumed the recalled food for symptoms relating to the health risk associated to the food recall. Note that symptoms may not appear immediately. If symptoms do appear, see the child's doctor **immediately**. If symptoms do not appear, there is no need to be tested if the child is feeling well.
- **If your child has eaten the recalled food and is feeling unwell:**
It is important to identify the symptoms early to prevent the spread of disease. If a child has consumed a recalled food and is feeling unwell or showing symptoms relating to the food recalled see the child's doctor **immediately**.

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What to do if you have a recalled food?

DO NOT:

- Eat the product
- Provide the product to others (e.g. do not give to a food bank)
- Feed the food to pets or animals as they may become sick
- Open containers or cans

And do, either:

- Inform all the staff and isolate the product in the interim
- Once you have received instructions from the supplier, either:
 - Return the product to the place of purchase, where you may receive a refund, or
 - Dispose of the product following the instructions provided in the recall notice to assure it will not be consumed by anyone