



Physical and Chemical Contamination

Lesson 3

Gain knowledge and understanding in the importance of preventing and detecting chemical and physical contamination in a food factory.





An assessment must be carried out on any glass or brittle plastic in any areas where the product can become contaminated

Where possible they will be removed. If they can't be removed, then they will be protected against breakage e.g., by shielding and are included on an inspection register





There will be a documented procedure for the handling of glass, brittle plastic or ceramics to make sure the risk of product contamination are managed.





This procedure will contain four important points

- 1. A list of items stating their location, number, type and condition
- 2. Recorded inspections of the items which verify the condition of the items

The set frequency of inspection can vary depending on the potential to be a foreign body hazard

- 3. A record of inspection must be documented even when there has been no change to the item
- 4. The procedures that allow the replacement or cleaning of the items in a way that minimises product risk



There will be a glass, brittle plastic and ceramics breakage procedure. It should contain nine important instructions.



Training of staff to follow the procedure correctly



Quarantining of products and area that is affected and keeping a 10-meter exclusion zone.



Cleaning of the area and any specified equipment needed for the cleaning



How to dispose of the debris



Inspection of the area and the authorisation to allow production to continue



Production clothing to be changed



Inspection of footwear



Specify who is authorised to complete the tasks in the procedure



The breakage incident must be recorded



Where products are packed into glass or brittle materials they are stored away from any raw materials or other packaging





If any glass or brittle material containers break online, then the glass breakage procedure will be followed





A record of container breakages online will be documented and a record of no breakages of containers during a production period will also be documented to show any trends or potential improvements





Revision Activity 3

List two instructions that are in a glass, brittle plastic and ceramics breakage procedure?