

Public Protection (food & safety)**Food Premises Inspection Report**

Name of business:	The Fat Cat Brewery Tap / Motherchip
Address of food business:	98 - 100 Lawson Road Norwich NR3 4LF
Date of inspection:	11/11/2024
Risk rating reference:	24/00489/FOOD
Premises reference:	05/02914/PREMTR
Type of premises:	Public House with catering
Areas inspected:	Storeroom, Served, Main Kitchen
Records examined:	Temperature Control Records, SFBB, Training Certificates/records
Details of samples procured:	None
Summary of action taken:	Informal
General description of business:	Public House with catering

Relevant Legislation

Food Safety Act 1990 (as amended)

Regulation (EC) No 178/2002 applied by The General Food Regulations 2004 (as amended)

Regulation (EC) No 852/2004 and No 853/2004 applied by Regulation 19 (1) of the Food
Safety and Hygiene (England) Regulations 2013

Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974 and related regulations

Food Information Regulations 2014

What you must do to comply with the law

The report may include **Contraventions** - matters which do not comply with the law. You must address all of the contraventions identified; failure to do so could result in legal action being taken against you.

As a guide, contraventions relating to cleaning, temperature control and poor practice, should be dealt with straight away.

Contraventions relating to structural repairs, your food safety management system and staff training, should be completed within the next 2 months.

Health and safety contraventions should be dealt with within 3 months unless otherwise stated.

To assist you the report may also include **Observations** of current practice, useful **Information, Recommendations** of good practice and reminders of **Legal Requirements**.

My inspection was not intended to identify every contravention of the law and only covers those areas, practices and procedures examined at the time of the inspection. If the report fails to mention a particular matter this does not mean you have necessarily complied with the law.

Food Hygiene Rating Re-Scoring Visit

Date: 25 September 2025

Following the previous inspection a re-rating visit was requested. The revised score is indicated here. The results of the original inspection are listed below.

Your revised Food Hygiene Rating is 5 – a very good standard



Observation I was pleased to see that you had addressed most of the contraventions from your recent food re-rating hygiene inspection. However, the following contraventions need to be addressed:

Contravention the following items require attention:

- seals to undercounter fridge were dirty
- underneath the hot plate was dirty

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How we calculate your Food Hygiene Rating:

The food safety section has been divided into the three areas which you are scored against for the hygiene rating: 1. food hygiene and safety procedures, 2. structural requirements and 3. confidence in management/control procedures. Each section begins with a summary of what was observed and the score you have been given. Details of how these scores combine to produce your overall food hygiene rating are shown in the table.

Compliance Area			You Score					
Food Hygiene and Safety			0	5	10	15	20	25
Structure and Cleaning			0	5	10	15	20	25
Confidence in management & control systems			0	5	10	15	20	30

Your Total score	0 - 15	20	25 - 30	35 - 40	45 - 50	> 50
Your Worst score	5	10	10	15	20	-

Your Rating is	5	4	3	2	1	0
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Your Food Hygiene Rating is 3 - a generally satisfactory standard



1. Food Hygiene and Safety

Food hygiene standards are generally satisfactory and maintained. There is evidence of some non-compliance with legal requirements. Some lapses are evident however generally you have satisfactory food handling practices and procedures and adequate control measures to prevent cross-contamination are in place. The contraventions require your attention; although not critical to food safety they may become so if not addressed. **(Score 10)**

Contamination risks

Contravention The following exposed food to the general risk of cross-contamination with bacteria or allergens or its physical contamination with dirt, foreign objects or chemicals:

- raw foods i.e bacon was being stored next to and above ready-to-eat foods i.e prepared salads in the fridge
- cutting boards were badly scored

Legal requirement At all stages of production, processing and distribution, food must be protected from any contamination likely to render it unfit for human consumption, injurious to health or contaminated in such a way that it would be unreasonable to expect it to be consumed in that state.

Hand washing

Observation I was pleased to see hand washing was well managed.

Poor Practices

Contravention The following matters represented poor practice and if allowed to continue may cause food to become contaminated or lead to its deterioration:

- no date of when opened on open tartar sauce in fridge
- confusing date labelling system on prepared foods in the fridges
- prepared foods stored longer than the recommended 3 days

Recommendation You should have a system to identify when open or prepared foods need to be used by or discarded, to ensure the food is fit for consumption. I recommend you apply labels which give a day or date that is 2 days after the day of production e.g. if food is opened on Monday it should be used by the end of Wednesday. (An exception is cooked rice which should not be kept longer than 24 hours)

2. Structure and Cleaning

The structure facilities and standard of cleaning and maintenance are of a generally satisfactory standard but there are some repairs and/or improvements which are required in order for you to comply with the law. Pest control and waste disposal provisions are adequate. The contraventions require your attention; although not critical to food safety they may become so if not addressed. **(Score 10)**

Cleaning of Structure

Contravention The following items were dirty and require more frequent and thorough cleaning:

- around equipment feet
- behind and under equipment
- floor/wall junctions
- flooring behind door
- ceiling
- skirting boards
- pipework
- electric fly killer and tray
- hand contact surfaces such as light switches and door handles
- electric sockets
- mastick joints behind sinks
- window sill

Recommendation Your cleaning schedule is there to remind you to clean before an item becomes dirty. If an item is dirty when you go to clean it, increase the frequency of cleaning.

Cleaning of Equipment and Food Contact Surfaces

Contravention The following items are dirty and must be cleaned:

- legs to equipment
- wheels to equipment
- fridge and freezer seals
- top to sauce bottle in fridge
- interior to fridges
- interior to ice machine
- interior around door to dishwasher
- underneath hotplate
- cutting board rack
- top to deep fat fryers
- chip cutter
- bin
- pedal to bin

Cleaning Chemicals / Materials / Equipment and Methods

Observation I was pleased to see that the premises was kept clean and that your cleaning materials, methods and equipment were able to minimise the spread of harmful bacteria between surfaces.

Maintenance

Contravention The following had not been suitably maintained and must be repaired or replaced:

- handle to fridge storing fruit and vegetables

- split seals to fridge
- peeling paint to window sill
- pitted lid to chest freezer
- holes to wall
- mould to high areas in cellar
- dirt to high areas in cellar

3. Confidence in Management

There are generally satisfactory food safety controls in place although there is evidence of some non-compliance with the law. The contraventions require your attention; although not critical to food safety they may become so if not addressed. **(Score 10)**

Type of Food Safety Management System Required

Observation I was pleased to see that you had Safer Food Better Business as your food safety management system

Observation You had colour-coded equipment and effective separation between raw and ready-to-eat food at all stages in your operation.

Observation You were monitoring (and recording) the temperatures of your fridges and freezers as well as the temperature of cooked/hot-held food.

Food Hazard Identification and Control

Contravention The following pre-requisites have not been met and this means that your food safety management system will be ineffective:

- cleaning and sanitation are poor

Contravention You have not identified these food hazards or the methods of control at critical points in your operation:

- bacteria growing on food
- bacteria surviving in cooked food
- cross-contamination

Contravention Ensure your food safety management system is regularly reviewed, covers all of your food handling operations and that the controls in place at points critical to food safety are fully documented, monitored and verifiable

Information Before implementing a food safety management system such as Safer Food Better Business, basic good hygiene conditions and practices called prerequisites must be in place. Only then will your food safety management system be effective in ensuring the preparation of safe food.

Proving Your Arrangements are Working Well

Contravention You are not working to the following safe methods in your SFBB pack:

- cleaning / clear and clean as you go

Contravention The Management sections in your Safer food Better Business (SFBB) pack are intended to demonstrate you are in day-to-day control of the hazards to food. The following Management sections were either missing, incomplete or not up-to-date:

- cleaning schedule, add all equipment to the cleaning schedule
- suppliers list
- contacts list
- staff SFBB training records, add all food handlers to the training records

Contravention The following are needed in order to demonstrate your food safety management system is working:

- cleaning schedule
- maintenance recording
- shelf life stability records

Traceability

Observation Your records were such that food could easily be traced back to its supplier.

Infection Control / Sickness / Exclusion Policy

Observation Policies were in place to prevent any infected food handler from contaminating food.

Waste Food and other Refuse

Observation You had measures in place to dispose of waste food appropriately and were employing the services of an approved waste contractor.

Training

Observation I was pleased to see that food handlers had been trained to an appropriate level and evidence of their training was made available.

Allergens

Observation You had identified the presence of allergens in your non-prepacked food and had brought this to the attention of your customers.

Observation You had devised a chart listing all the food you provide with the allergens present in each and had brought this to the attention of your staff and customers.