Workplace Safety Checklist

Personal Cleanliness & Hygiene	
	 ☐ Shower and wear clean clothes for each shift. ☐ Keep fingernails trimmed, and don't use nail polish or false nails while handling food. ☐ Don't wear perfume or cologne if you handle food. ☐ Remove jewelry before handling food. ☐ Wear gloves when you handle food that's ready to be served. ☐ Don't eat, drink, smoke, chew tobacco or gum or use toothpicks in food preparation areas. ☐ Wash hands with warm soapy water.
Personal Safety	 Keep the work area free of clutter. Wear nonslip shoes. Avoid clothing that's loose-fitting or has dangling sleeves. Use your legs, not your back, when lifting. Push, don't pull, loads. Use mechanical tools to move loads when available. Dry hands before plugging in or unplugging equipment. Lock doors at closing time. Wear personal protective equipment when using chemicals.
Kitchen Safety	 ☐ Remove flammable items from cooking areas. ☐ Keep a lid nearby for each pan you're cooking with. ☐ Keep stoves and ovens clean. ☐ Turn off appliances that aren't being used. ☐ Know where fire extinguishers are and what they're used for.
Kitchen Sanitation	 ☐ Keep food preparation areas clean and sanitized. ☐ Keep hand-wash stations stocked with soap and paper towels. ☐ Close doors to keep out pests. ☐ Keep floors clean. ☐ Dispose of waste and trash properly.
Food Safety	 ☐ Keep food storage areas dry and at the proper temperatures. ☐ Keep foods separate from each other. ☐ Thaw foods in the refrigerator overnight. ☐ Keep hot foods at 140° F or above. ☐ Keep cold foods at or below 40° F. ☐ Wash, rinse and sanitize utensils between uses. ☐ Store chemicals away from food in properly labelled bottles.