

### **Avoiding Cross-Contamination**

- 1. Never place <u>COOKED</u> food on a plate which has previously held <u>RAW</u> meat, poultry or seafood.
- 2. Always wash hands, cutting boards and food prep surfaces with hot soapy water after they come in contact with raw meat, poultry or seafood.
- 3. If food becomes crosscontaminated, set the food aside and ask the manager what to do.



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- 4. Never scoop ice with your bare hands or a glass. Always use ice scoops or tongs to get ice.
- 5. Do NOT hold utensils by the part that comes into contact with food.
- 6. Use tongs, gloves or deli-sheets to serve ready-to-eat foods like bagels.



#### Temperature Controls for Safety (TCS)

- 1. Some foods have a greater risk for microbe (PATHOGEN) growth.
- 2. The best way to control this growth is to control the factors of time and temperature.
- 3. Foods Most At Risk:
  - Milk/Dairy
  - Meat
  - Fish
  - Eggs
  - Poultry

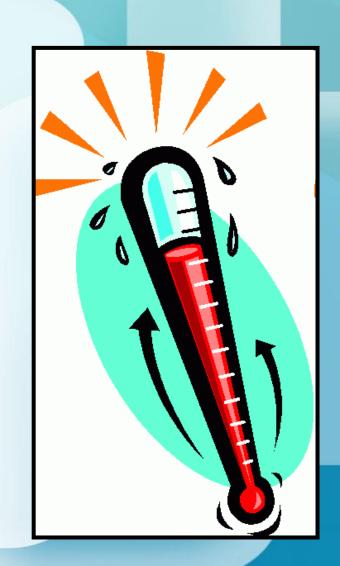
- Shellfish
- Baked Potatoes
- **Tofu**
- **Sprouts**
- Cooked Rice

- Beans
- Vegetables
- Sliced Melons
- Tomatoes
- Lettuce

#### Temperature Danger Zone (TDZ)

- 1. National Food Code: Any temperature between 41°F and 135°F.
- Utah Food Code: Any temperature between 41°F and 140°F.

Cold foods should be kept <u>lower</u> than 41°F and hot foods should be kept <u>higher</u> than 135°F/140°F.



#### Temperature Danger Zone (TDZ)

- 3. Foods should not be in the TDZ for more than 2 hours.
- 4. Foods in the *TDZ* for more than 4 hours should be THROWN OUT.
- 5. Temperature Controls for Safety (TCS) abuse is allowing food to stay in the danger zone.







1. Always check the INTERNAL temperature of foods with a food thermometer. Always check the THICKEST part of the food.

Seafood, beef, veal, lamb and pork



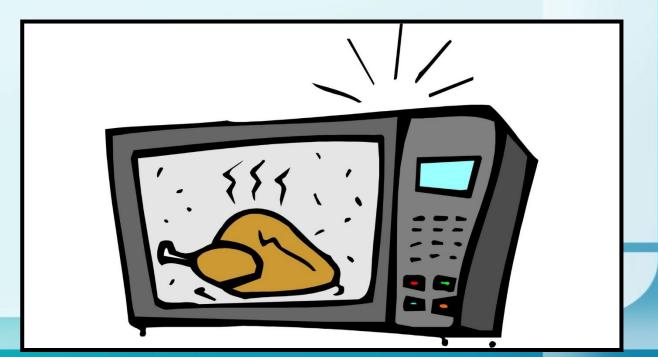
**Ground Meats** 



Poultry



Reheating Foods (Leftovers)



## **Food Storage**

- 1. Refrigerators should be 40°F or below.
- 2. Freezers should be 0°F below.
- 3. Separate food into smaller containers to cool more rapidly.
- 4. MARK AND DATE food properly.

# **Thawing Foods Safely**

- 1. In the <u>REFRIGERATOR</u> for 2-3 days. (*This is the safest method.*)
- 2. Under RUNNING COLD WATER.
- 3. In the MICROWAVE if used immediately.
- 4. As part of the **COOKING** process
- 5. NEVER defrost frozen food at room temperature.







### **Cross-Contact With Allergens**

- 1. Proteins that cause allergic reactions are called ALLERGENS.
- 2. Cross-CONTACT is when one food allergen comes into contact with another food item and their proteins mix.
- The BIG 8 refer to the allergens that cause the most reactions:
  - Milk, Soy, Eggs, Fish, Tree Nuts, Peanuts, Crustacean Shellfish and Wheat.

