

»» Food Allergies

What you need to know

Millions of people have food allergies that can range from mild to life-threatening.



If a guest has an allergic reaction, tell the manager and call **911!**

Let the guest decide

When a guest tells you someone in their party has a food allergy, follow the 4 Rs:

- **Refer** the food allergy concern to the chef, manager, or person in charge
- **Review** the food allergy with the guest and check ingredient labels
- **Remember** to check the preparation procedure for potential cross-contact
- **Respond** to the guest and tell them what you found out

Avoid cross-contact

Cross-contact sources include cooking oils, splatter, and steam from cooking foods.

When these items come in contact with food allergens, wash them thoroughly in hot, soapy water:

- All utensils (spoons, knives, spatulas, tongs, etc.)
- Sheets pans, pots, pans
- Fryers and grills

Most common food allergens



Peanuts



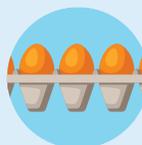
Tree nuts



Fish



Shellfish



Eggs



Milk



Wheat



Soy



Sesame



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