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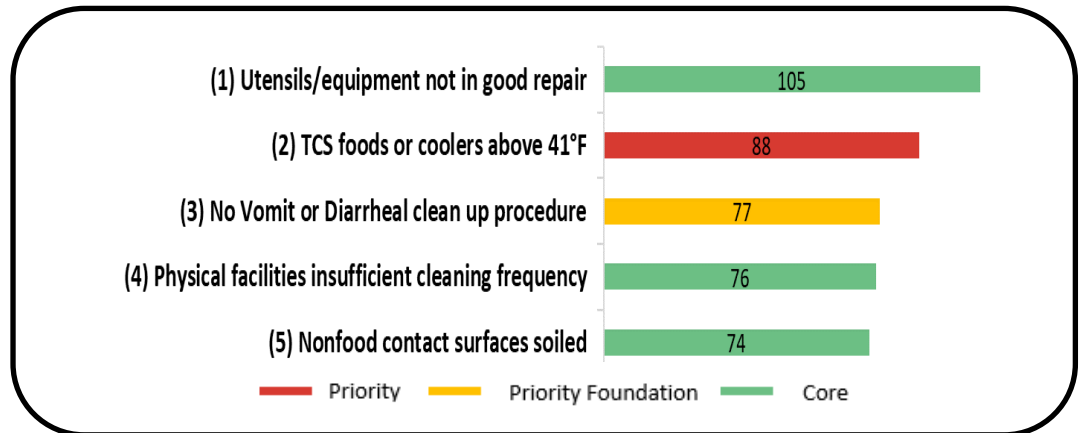
## Health Protection in Restaurants & Retail Eating Establishments

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### Top 5 Violations in 2021-2022 Permit Year

June 30th marked the end of 2021-2022 permitting year. Although we are more than a quarter way into the new licensing year, it is important to look back and identify ways to improve food safety going forward.



#### (1) Utensils/equipment not in good repair - WFC #4-501.11(A)

##### Typical Violations

- Melted or broken utensils
- Rusty shelving
- Broken equipment
- Damaged cooler gaskets or seals

##### Prevention

- Routinely inspect utensils & equipment
- Replace or repair damaged utensils & equipment

#### (2) TCS food or coolers above 41°F - WFC #3-501-16(A)(2) & (B)

##### Typical Violations

- Food kept out too long during prep
- Working food containers left on counter during busy times
- Cooler temps set too warm
- Food containers improperly stored on ice

##### Prevention

- Prep in smaller amounts & use smaller working food containers
- Set cooler temps to 34-36°F
- Regularly monitor food & cooler temps
- Use a TPHC policy for busy times

#### (3) No vomit or diarrheal clean up procedure - WFC #2-501.11

##### Typical Violations

- Required written procedures not available
- Staff unaware of procedures

##### Prevention

- Ensure procedure is onsite & staff are aware
- Utilize DATCP fact sheets\* for policy template: [English](#) & [Spanish](#)

\*[https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs\\_Services/FoodCodeFactSheets.aspx](https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/FoodCodeFactSheets.aspx)

#### (4) Physical facilities insufficient cleaning frequency - WFC #6-501.12

##### Typical Violations

- Excessively soiled floors, walls & ceilings

##### Prevention

- Set-up a routine cleaning schedule
- Create a checklist of areas that need regular cleaning

#### (5) Nonfood contact surfaces soiled - WFC #4-601.11(C)

##### Typical Violations

- Soiled shelving, equipment, & handles
- Soil & food debris build-up in coolers
- Excessive grease build-up on or near fryers
- Excessive soiled drains

##### Prevention

- Set-up a routine cleaning schedule
- Create a checklist of equipment & items to be cleaned

#### Resources

WI Food Code (WFC) - [https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/code/admin\\_code/atcp/055/75\\_.pdf](https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/code/admin_code/atcp/055/75_.pdf)

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### Fun Food Facts

- ◆ Although not enforced, WI law prohibits restaurants and public institutions from serving margarine as a substitute for butter unless ordered by the customer or deemed necessary for the health of a specific patient or inmate. The first offense could cost you up to \$500 and 3 months in jail. [\[s.97.18\]](#)
- ◆ Cheese is the most stolen food in the world. In 2016, "cheese pirates" stole 20,000 pounds of cheddar in Oak Creek, WI.
- ◆ In the 1830's, ketchup was sold as a medicine in pill form with claims of curing issues like indigestion, jaundice, and diarrhea. Numerous copycats followed, but the ketchup medicine empire collapsed in 1850 due to the false claims

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