



## Ohio Administrative Code

### Rule 5122-31-11 Nutrition and food safety.

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- (A) If a recovery housing residence supplies food to residents, the residence is to ensure all food is procured, stored, prepared, transported, distributed, and served in a manner that protects it against contamination and spoilage from the time of procurement to time of consumption.
- (B) Each recovery housing residence is to have appropriate and adequate kitchen and kitchen equipment that is functional, in good repair, and accessible by residents.
- (C) Each recovery housing residence is to ensure all equipment, utensils, kitchenware, tableware and surfaces upon which food comes in contact while in preparation, including but not limited to, counter tops, cutting boards, and thawing trays, are easily cleanable. Such items are to be cleaned after use or disposed.
- (D) Each recovery housing residence is to provide safe drinking water which is to be readily accessible to residents at all times. Bottled or similarly packaged potable water is to be obtained only from appropriately-regulated sources and is to be handled, stored, and dispensed in a manner that protects it from contamination.
- (E) A recovery housing residence is not to be licensed as a food service operation under Chapter 3717. of the Revised Code unless mandated to be licensed as such by local or state law. A residence that is not licensed as a food service operation is to comply with the standards of this rule for food procurement and protection.
- (F) If applicable, recovery housing residence staff is to ensure that meals which are prepared in one food preparation area of the residence for transport or distribution to another area of the residence are transported in a safe and sanitary manner to prevent contamination.
- (G) Meals intended for consumption on-site by residents of a recovery housing residence, but prepared off-site, are to be obtained by residence staff only by a source licensed as a food service operation under Chapter 3717. of the Revised Code.