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Organisations that provide food to children have a duty of care (refer to *Definitions*) to protect children from all hazards and harm. Employers are also required, under the *Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004*

and interpretation of the Code is the responsibility of State/Territory departments and food agencies within Australia and New Zealand.

Hazardous food: Food containing dangerous biological, chemical or physical agents, or food in a condition that has the potential to cause adverse health effects in humans.

High-risk foods: Bacteria that has the potential to cause food-poisoning can grow and multiply on some foods more easily than others. High-risk foods include meat, seafood, poultry, eggs, dairy products, small goods, cooked rice/pasta and prepared salads (such as coleslaw, pasta salads, rice salads and fruit salads). Food that is contained in packages, cans or jars can become high-risk once opened, and should be handled and stored appropriately.

Hot drink : Any container holding a liquid that has been heated or boiled, and that remains above room temperature (25°C) for any period of time.

Scalds: Burns by hot fluids, steam and other hot vapours.

Sources

- *Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code*: http://www.foodstandards.gov.au/code/Pages/default.aspx
- Burns and scalds – children. Available from the Better Health Channel: www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/bhcv2/bhcarticles.nsf/pages/Burns_and_scalds_children
- Department of Health – Food Safety. Contact the Department of Health if your inquiry relates to general food compliance issues (and you don't know where to start) or you are looking for publications on food safety or information on legislation.

  Telephone: 1300 364 352 (free call within Australia)
  Email: foodsafety@health.vic.gov.au
  Website: www.health.vic.gov.au/foodsafety

  - Keeping food safe: www.health.vic.gov.au/foodsafety/bus/keeping.htm
  - Food safety at home and in the community: www.health.vic.gov.au/foodsafety/home/index.htm
- dofoodsafely – a free online food safety program: http://dofoodsafely.health.vic.gov.au/
- Kids Health Info at The Royal Children's Hospital Melbourne provides kids health and safety resources for purchase. To purchase a resource, phone (03) 9345 642ur.ce, M62 –y5 305.6 T

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- covering all wounds/cuts on hands or arms with wound strips or bandages
- wearing disposable gloves when handling food
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