



# Food safety advice

## Running a food business at home: extra considerations

Alongside the food safety requirements, you may wish to consider the following when starting a food business at home:

### 1. PLANNING PERMISSION

You may need planning permission to run a business from home. Take a look here for further information:



[www.planningportal.co.uk/info/200130/common\\_projects/56/working\\_from\\_home](http://www.planningportal.co.uk/info/200130/common_projects/56/working_from_home)

### 2. BUSINESS RATES

You may have to pay increased rates if you use part of your property for a business. Contact the Revenues Section of the council on 024 7683 2525 or email [businessrates@coventry.gov.uk](mailto:businessrates@coventry.gov.uk)

### 3. INSURANCE

Just in case things go wrong, we strongly recommend you to take out insurance to cover claims against you (third party insurance) in the same way as any other business. Unfortunately this can be quite expensive. You should consult your solicitor or insurance agent about this.

### 4. RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS

Especially in older properties, you may find that the deeds contain clauses that prevent you from carrying out certain activities, and running a food business may be one of them. You should consult your own solicitor about this.

### 5. MORTGAGE RESTRICTIONS

If you have a mortgage on your property you must contact your lender and talk to them about your intentions.

