

# New 2017 Food Code Section

## Bandages, Finger Cots, or Finger Stalls



In the 2017 Food Code, the FDA included a new section stating that single-use gloves shall be worn over bandages, finger cots, or finger stalls, to prevent these items from falling into food during preparation and becoming a physical hazard. Adopting this provision into your regulatory framework can provide effective controls as a means of reducing contamination hazards within retail food establishments, ultimately protecting consumers and industry.

<b>What was added: Section 2-401.13 Use of Bandages, Finger Cots, or Finger Stalls</b>	<b>Why it matters: Not in my food!</b>	<b>Who should know: Regulators, Industry and Food Employees</b>
<p>If a food employee working with an exposed food is using an impermeable cover (bandage, finger cot or finger stall) located on the wrist, hand or finger, the employee shall protect the cover with a single-use glove.</p>	<p>Bandages, finger cots or finger stalls could be potential <i>physical</i> hazards when worn by a food employee without gloves. They can fall into food during preparation, and someone could choke on them. So, reduce the risk by wearing a single-use glove to cover a bandage, finger cot or stall when used on the wrist, hand or finger.</p>	<p>If you are wearing a bandage, finger cot or finger stall, or you see someone who is, add a single-use glove for a double-barrier!</p>

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For more information on this new section of the Food Code, please go to Chapter 2: Management and Personnel Part 2-4: Hygienic Practices Subpart 2-401: Food Contamination Prevention.

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