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## Uncovering the Risks for YOUR Product

### Questions to Work Through:

Google “Recall” + Your Product: What has caused recalls for your type of product?

Google “Recall” + Your Primary Ingredients: What has caused recalls for your primary ingredients?

Compare similar products – How are they packaged? What information is on the label? Is this material commonly sold in the US?



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### Possible Next Steps:

- Start a “Food Safety” file where you save information related to your product
- Capture your research in writing so you can refer back to it when needed

## Your Process

### Questions to Work Through:

What are the steps involved in making your food? Have you documented it in writing?

Walk through your production kitchen—what are the risks in this space? Think about chemical, physical and biological hazards.

Are you following basic hygiene and sanitation protocols?

### Possible Next steps:

- Make a list of potential hazards for your production kitchen
- Make any simple changes immediately (e.g. labeling ingredients, moving chemicals or allergens to a designated area, etc)
- If you are in a shared or commercial kitchen, discuss any concerns with the facility manager



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## Packaging, Storage and Transport

### Questions to Work Through:

Are there foreign material risks associated with your packaging? For instance, if you use glass jars, how do you manage chipped or broken glass?

Are your packaging materials approved for food contact?

If you have a refrigerated or frozen product, how do you intend to monitor storage temperatures? How do you intend to monitor temperatures while transporting the product?

Is your packaging holding up during transport?

### Possible Next steps:

If you have a refrigerated or frozen product, look into continuous temperature monitoring tools (e.g. digital thermometer with memory)

Inspect product after transport—is any packaging torn, broken or crumpled?