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#### Most Common Food Allergens

Peanuts Tree Nuts Fish Shellfish Eggs Milk Wheat Soy

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- **Refer** the food allergy concern to the chef, manager or person in charge.
- **Review** the food allergy with the guest and check ingredient labels.
- **Remember** to check the preparation procedure for potential cross-contact.
- **Respond** to the guest and inform them of your findings.

#### Sources of cross contact:

• Cooking oils, splatter and steam from cooking foods, airborne dust, flour, contaminated utensils and food, etc.

When any of the below come into contact with food allergens, all must be washed thoroughly in hot, soapy water:

- All utensils (spoons, knives, spatulas, tongs, etc.), cutting boards, bowls and hotel pans.
- Sheet pans, pots, pans, fryers and grills.

If a guest has an allergic reaction, call 911 and notify management.

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