

Jewelry and Accessories in the Food Service

- **Can jewelry be worn while preparing food and cooking?**
 - *Per Section 2-303.11 of the Food Code* which states “Except for a plain ring such as a wedding band, while preparing food, food employees may not wear jewelry including medical information jewelry on their arms and hands.”
- **What types of items are recommended not to be worn while preparing or serving food?**
 - Wearing jewelry or other cosmetic enhancing items during food handling activities is prohibited.
 - Items that are prohibited:
 - Rings
 - Nail Polish
 - Wrist Watches
 - Bracelets
 - Clip-on Earrings
 - False Nails
 - False Eye Lashes
 - Items that may be worn:
 - A plain ring such as a wedding band.



- **Can I wear acrylic nails while working in a food service establishment?**
 - *Per Section 2-302.11 of the Food Code* which states “Food employees shall keep their fingernails trimmed, filed, and maintained so the edges and surfaces are cleanable and not rough. Unless wearing intact gloves in good repair, a food employee may not wear fingernail polish or artificial nails when working with exposed food.”
 - Fingernails can easily trap dirt and pathogens. Keep fingernails short and clean. When washing your hands, be sure to take time to scrub underneath your fingernails. This will help remove the dirt that may be trapped underneath your nails. If a food worker chooses to wear nail polish or artificial nails, gloves must be worn whenever they are working with food. This will help prevent the nail polish from chipping or an artificial nail from falling into the food. Be sure the artificial nails will not puncture the single use gloves.

