

# Setting up a food bank, food aid charity or provider

Guidance for starting a charity food provider.

If your operation is [classified as a food business](#), it needs to follow the same [principles that apply to other food businesses](#).

This includes following rules on your:

- [premises](#)
- food preparation areas
- equipment
- food waste
- allergen controls

If you operate in a shared building or location, you need to put in place the same measures and precautions as if it were a single-occupancy premises.