

Guest Complaint Recovery Procedure

Use this template to guide restaurant teams through complaint response and service recovery.

Template Metadata

Field	Details
Category	Restaurants & Food Service
Owner	[Team or owner]
Version	[Version number]
Effective Date	[Date]
Review Cycle	[Monthly / Quarterly / Annual / Event-based]
Status	[Draft / In Review / Approved]

Purpose

State the goal for guest safety, satisfaction, and brand consistency.

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[Item or requirement]	[Describe the relevant detail, evidence, or decision]	[Owner]	[Open / Complete]
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Notes

[Add context, assumptions, exceptions, evidence links, screenshots, calculations, or reviewer comments.]

Complaint Types

Classify food quality, service delay, allergen concern, billing, delivery, and cleanliness complaints.

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Immediate Response

Document how staff listen, apologize, gather facts, and involve a manager.

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Recovery Options

List approved remakes, refunds, discounts, loyalty credits, and escalation rules.

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Documentation

Specify complaint log fields, receipt details, staff involved, and corrective action.

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Follow-Up

Define when and how managers contact the guest after the incident.

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Review and Signoff

Document review conclusions, approvals, unresolved items, and next review date.

Role	Name	Date	Notes
Preparer	[Name]	[Date]	[Notes]
Reviewer	[Name]	[Date]	[Notes]
Approver	[Name]	[Date]	[Notes]