# Morrisons Daily in Banbury rated one out of five for food hygiene after environmental health inspection



The recent findings from an environmental health inspection at the Morrisons Daily store on South Bar Street in Banbury have raised significant concerns regarding food hygiene standards. Following an unannounced visit on February 28, Cherwell District Council's Environmental Health team issued a scathing report that assigned the store a meagre one out of five in food hygiene ratings, indicating a critical need for immediate improvements.

The inspection was prompted by two complaints made to the council, highlighting the alarming state of the store. Complaints detailed that the floor was in a dire condition, with reports of a strong odour resembling faeces, particularly near the checkout area. Additional observations noted the presence of moss growing on the floor, leading inspectors to assert that "not one part of this shop [was] of good standard for members of the public." The report confirmed these claims, indicating clear evidence of an overflowing drain in the bakery area, which could pose serious health risks if not addressed promptly.

Concerns extended beyond foul odours and unclean floors. The report identified numerous health and safety violations within the store. Inspectors observed various slip and trip hazards, including smashed glass scattered across both the stockroom and shopping areas. Such hazards necessitated immediate clean-up actions to prevent potential injuries among customers and staff alike. The inspectors stressed the need for thorough cleaning, disinfection, and maintenance to bring the store up to acceptable standards.

In contrast to this troubling report from Banbury, other Morrisons Daily branches have received much more favourable food hygiene ratings. For instance, locations in Bicester and Thame recently scored top marks, with hygiene inspections reporting high standards of cleanliness and food safety compliance. The stark difference raises questions about management across various stores within the chain and underscores the importance of consistent adherence to hygiene protocols.

In response to the inspectors' findings, a spokesperson for Morrisons stated that the company "treats food safety and hygiene very seriously." Following the inspection, they claimed to have taken immediate action and are collaborating with store teams to rectify the issues highlighted in the report. However, critics argue that such statements are insufficient without tangible improvement and accountability in maintaining hygiene standards across all locations.

As consumers become increasingly aware of food safety and hygiene issues, this incident serves as a wake-up call not only for Morrisons but for the retail sector as a whole. The need for stringent compliance with health regulations is paramount, as the trust of consumers hinges on the cleanliness and safety of shopping environments. The Banbury store’s previously tarnished reputation now serves as a reminder that action is necessary to ensure public safety and confidence in the food retail industry.

### Reference Map

1. Paragraphs 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
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3. <https://www.foodhygieneratings.org.uk/morrisons-daily-ox26-6ad> - This page provides the food hygiene rating for the Morrisons Daily store located at 22 Market Square, Bicester, Oxfordshire, OX26 6AD. The store received a hygiene rating of 5, indicating 'Very Good', with the last inspection conducted on 4th December 2023. The inspection report highlights that the store has a very good standard of food hygiene, with no significant issues reported. The structural compliance and confidence in management were also rated as good, indicating that the store meets the required standards for food safety and hygiene.
4. <https://www.foodhygieneratings.org.uk/morrisons-daily-oxon> - This page provides the food hygiene rating for the Morrisons Daily store located at 3 High Street, Thame, Oxfordshire, OX9 2BU. The store received a hygiene rating of 5, indicating 'Very Good', with the last inspection conducted on 6th February 2024. The inspection report highlights that the store has a very good standard of food hygiene, with no significant issues reported. The structural compliance and confidence in management were also rated as good, indicating that the store meets the required standards for food safety and hygiene.
5. <https://www.foodhygieneratings.org.uk/morrisons-daily-cv36-4ab> - This page provides the food hygiene rating for the Morrisons Daily store located at 19 High Street, Shipston-on-Stour, CV36 4AB. The store received a hygiene rating of 0, indicating 'Urgent Improvement Necessary', with the last inspection conducted on 15th January 2024. The inspection report highlights issues such as a filthy floor with a strong smell of faeces, moss growing on the floor, and a very strong odour in the bakery area due to an overflowing drain or leak. The report also mentions various slip and trip hazards throughout the store, including smashed glass on the floor in the stock room and shop floor. The inspector emphasized the need for thorough cleaning, disinfection, and maintenance to address these concerns.
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