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## STEP 2: SEPARATE

# FOOD SAFETY QUICK TIPS



### No touching

Raw meat, poultry, seafood, eggs, and flour should never come into contact with produce or any food that is ready-to-eat—keep them separate while shopping, storing, and cooking.



### Put a lid on it

Place raw meats in sealed containers or plastic wrap on lower shelves of the fridge or freezer.



### No yolking around

Storing eggs on the fridge door can expose them to uneven temperatures. Keep them on lower shelves instead, in their original carton.



### Double up

If you can, use a separate set of cooking tools for raw meat, poultry, seafood, eggs, and flour. If you can't, wash them thoroughly in hot, soapy water between cooking with produce and cooking with meats, eggs, or flour.



### Serve it safely

When grilling, barbecuing, or cooking meat, use different plates for raw and cooked meat.

Find more **Quick Tips on the 4 Steps to Food Safety: Clean, Separate, Cook, Chill** at [www.fda.gov/food](http://www.fda.gov/food)

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