



Small Kitchen Planning Checklist

Five checks to make before you order equipment for a small commercial kitchen.

Measuring the space and the equipment is only the start. Tick these off before you order and you'll avoid the delays, returns and call-outs we see most often.

1 Will it get through the door?

- ☐ Measured every doorway, corridor, stair and tight turn on the route in
- ☐ Compared that with the equipment's width, depth and height
- ☐ Told us about any stairs, steps or a long carry

Good to know: a standard door is about 762mm (30 inches) wide. The gap you can carry something through is a little less once you allow for the frame.

2 Have you got the right power?

- ☐ Checked the spec sheet: 1PH or 1N is single phase (230V), 3PH or 3N is three phase (400V)
- ☐ Confirmed which supply the kitchen has (ask your electrician if you're not sure)
- ☐ Booked an electrician to hardwire anything over 13 amps

Only got single phase? Let us know and we'll point you to equipment that suits it.

3 Where does the water go?

- ☐ Checked whether each ice machine, dishwasher or glasswasher has its own drain pump
- ☐ If there's no pump, it sits close to a drain, and above it
- ☐ Left room for a separate hand basin (hot and cold water, hygienic drying) as well as the sink

Good to know: your local council can tell you exactly what they expect in your area.

4 Is there room under the extraction?

- ☐ Gas equipment has a 300mm canopy overhang at the front and on each open side (not needed on a side against a wall)
- ☐ Canopy front edge at least 2m off the floor, ceiling at least 2.15m
- ☐ Extraction is linked to the gas, so the gas cuts off if it fails
- ☐ Used gas equipment has a flame failure device

For example: a 60cm gas grill in the middle of a run needs a canopy at least 120cm wide. Check the maker's instructions and ask whoever fits your canopy.

5 Fridges: height and room to breathe

- ☐ Fits the height you've got (ask us about bottom-mounted fridges for tight spaces)
- ☐ Gap left around it as the maker asks, and kept clear
- ☐ Not pushed hard against a wall or stacked with boxes

Why it matters: a fridge with no air to breathe overheats and cuts out. It isn't broken, it just needs space.

Your measurements

Narrowest doorway (mm) _____

Equipment width / depth / height _____

Power supply (1PH or 3PH) _____

Distance to nearest drain _____

Canopy width and ceiling height _____