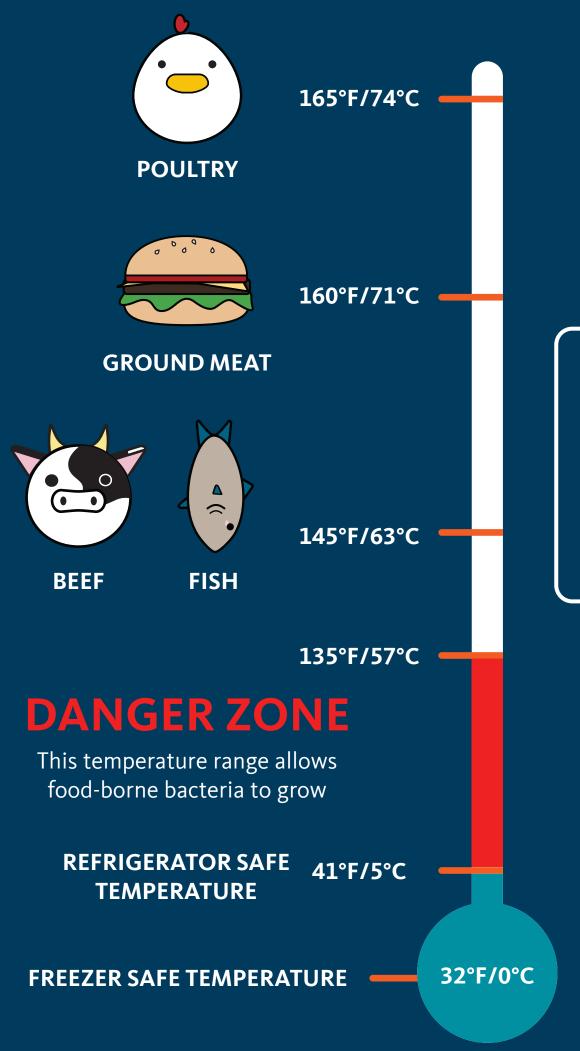
# SAFE COOKING TEMPERATURES



Cook meat to these minimum internal temperatures BEFORE removing it from the heat source

# **3 WAYS OF THAWING MEAT SAFELY**

#### **MICROWAVE**

Microwave frozen meat until thawed all the way through. Then IMMEDIATELY cook after.

## REFRIGERATOR

Place frozen meat on plate in the refrigerator for at least 24 hours. Thawed meat should remain safe for 3 - 5 days.

## COLD WATER

Place frozen meat in leak-proof package or bag. Submerge it into COLD water. Change the water every 30 minutes until fully thawed.

NEVER thaw meat on your kitchen counter. It is UNSAFE and can lead to serious food-borne illnesses.



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