

EVALUATION OF CONTAINER INTEGRITY -

Many food products with damaged containers are safe if evaluated properly and handled in a sanitary manner. Refer to this document for detailed information on evaluating ***Canned, Glass, and Boxed, Dry, Bagged, or Sacked Containers.***

CANNED FOOD CONTAINERS

DISCARD METAL CANS WITH:

- Bulged ends (except for carbonated beverages and beverage mixes)
- Holes or visible evidence of leakage
- Pull top containers with obvious dents on the lid score lines or rivet area
- Pitted rust that will not wipe off
- Crushing to the point the can cannot be stacked (except for carbonated beverages, beverage mixes)
- Moderate or severe dents at the juncture of the side seam and the end seam (that alter the contour of the can)
- Moderate or severe dents on the double seam or score (that alter the contour of the can)
- Cuts or fractures through the metal on the end seam
- Ends that can be flipped back and forth by pressing on them
- Deep body dents where there is evidence of fracture or sharp points
- Improperly formed seams


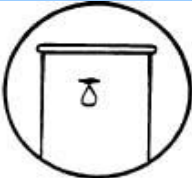





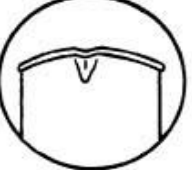
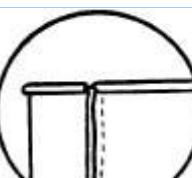

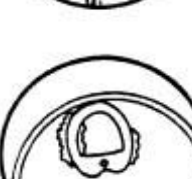
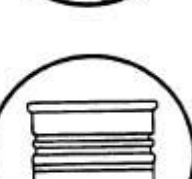


Note: You may tear back the label to inspect the can. Be sure the label remains intact or is reattached following inspection.

CANS ARE CONSIDERED SAFE WHEN THEY EXHIBIT:

- Moderate flat rim dents on the double (top) seam not involving the juncture of the side seam and end seam.
- Moderate body dents which may slightly reduce the height of the can, but the can is still stackable
- Rust that will wipe off
- Slight to moderate dents on or near the double seam, or slight dents involving the side seam juncture
- Slight to moderate paneling (flattened) on sides.
- Flat rim dents on or near the double seam such that they do not alter the contour of the container.

EVALUATING CANNED FOOD CONTAINERS

DISCARD CANS WITH:

Severe dents on side seam	1			2	Leaks
Sharp dents parallel to rim	3			4	Bulges or puffed ends
Sharp dents in the sides that prevent stacking	5			6	Ends that give or flip and bulge on the other end when pushed
Buckled or pinched tops and bottoms	7			8	Severe dents on the rim, seams or bent rims
Side seam incomplete "blown out" or miswelded	9			10	Cuts or malformed rims and loose tops
Dirt under pull tab	11			12	No label
Pits or pinholes	13			14	Rust that won't come off

IF IN DOUBT, THROW IT OUT!

GLASS CONTAINERS

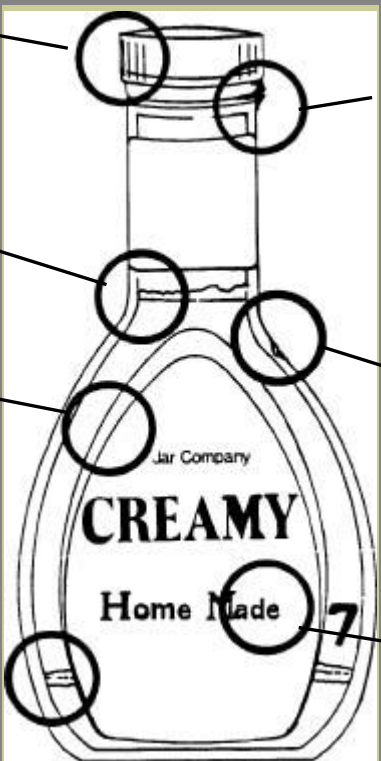
- Discard any home canned products
- Discard any jars with chips, cracks, or missing tops.
- Discard jars with signs of leakage
- Examine under all lids. Discard if signs of dirt, mold, contamination.
- Test tightness of cap. Discard if loose and seal is missing
- Discard if cap is bulging, swollen, rusted, dented or crooked.
- Examine product for unusual discoloration or separation. Discard if mold is seen (appears as clumps or stringy growths in fruit juice)

Note:

It is acceptable to wipe down the outside of a jar that has food from another container spilled on it, however, do not submerge glass jars, as there is a risk that liquid can seep under the lid.

EVALUATING GLASS FOOD CONTAINERS

DISCARD JARS WITH:

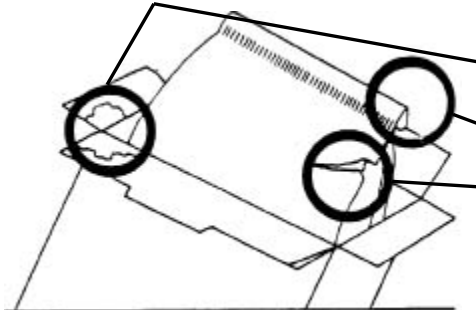
Loose cap or bulged safety seal		Dirt, webs, insect skins or evidence of submersion or leaks on screws
Foreign objects or unusual product separation		Cracks or chips
Incomplete, missing or illegible labels		Home canned goods
Mold (which can be long, stringy, clumpy or ropy; often white or dark)		

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DRY FOOD PRODUCT CONTAINERS

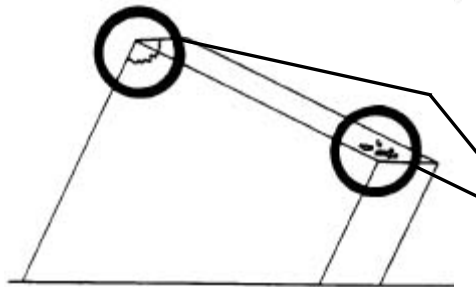
Any product that is exposed shall be discarded (if you could touch the food directly, discard). These containers may not be taped. If an inner seal or container is intact, product may be distributed. If the outside container is torn or broken, it may be taped to prevent further damage.

EVALUATING BOXED AND DRY PACKAGED CONTAINERS



BOXES WITH INNER BAG

- 1) Look for contaminants on box
- 2) Look at inner bag and discard if it is:
 - Has imperfect or leaking seals
 - Torn, leaking or contaminated
 - Has moldy or foreign objects inside
- 3) To save good inner bags of food from a severely damaged box, place inner bag into plastic bag and insert label.



BOXES WITHOUT INNER BAG

- Do not use if opened
- Look for contaminants on box
- Look for insects, insect skins, webs, chaff or moving pieces

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EVALUATING BAGGED AND SACKED FOOD CONTAINERS

DISCARD BAGS OR SACKS WITH:

<p>Rips, tears, punctures or holes</p>	1		<p>2 Insect Damage Look carefully for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bugs in seams • Bore holes • Movement or spots in products • Insect skins or chaff in bottom of container
<p>Rodent droppings or urine stains (use black light)</p>	3		
<p>Rodent gnaw marks</p>	4		
<p>Spills or stains from any unknown source or any contaminant</p>	5		
	6		<p>Missing or illegible label</p>