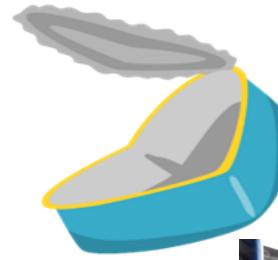


# CANNED FOOD CONTAINERS

## Evaluating Dented Cans:

### Discard Cans with:

- Severe dents on side seam.
- Sharp dents parallel to rim.
- Sharp dents in sides that prevent stacking.
- Buckled or pinched tops and/or bottoms.
- Leaks or label stains
- Bulges or puffed ends.
- Ends that give or flip and bulge on the other end when pushed.
- Severe dents on the rim, seams, or bent rims.



### Remember:

- Sell only commercially canned foods.
- NO home canned, jarred, or vacuum sealed foods!
- When in doubt, throw it out.



## Can I Use a Dented Can?

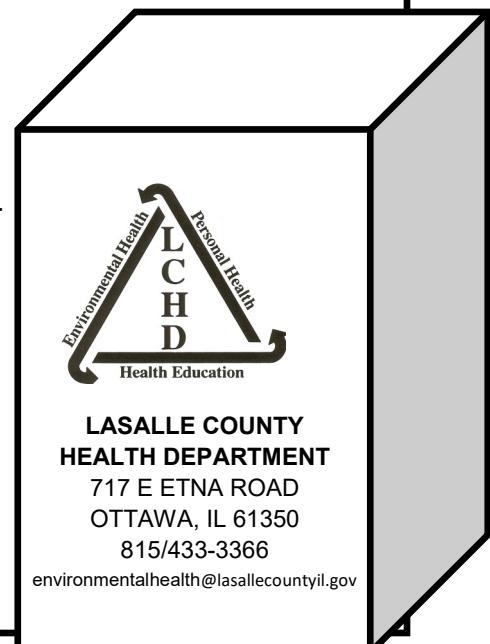
A can with minor dents (not on any seam: top, bottom, or side) without affecting the integrity of the can or vacuum seal is still safe for consumption. When in doubt, throw it out or return it to the distributor.

## What if I Dented It in My Establishment?

Immediately open the can and use the contents **OR** open the can and place the contents in an appropriate container (with a label) cover and promptly store in refrigerator.

### Tips for Cans:

- Store in a cool, dry place.
- Do not expose to extreme temperatures.
- Do not accept if label is missing.
- Provide an area for damaged cans that are to be returned or discarded and label the area.
- Create and follow procedures for accepting or rejecting cans.
- Inspect shipment as soon as delivered.



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