

# Is This Can Safe?

**Harmful bacteria can enter dented cans and cause foodborne illness!**

Visually inspect a can to feel for dents that may be hidden by the label.

## Cans can have:

- Smooth dents, no sharp edges or creases.
- Dents that do not compromise the top, bottom or side seams.



## Cans cannot have:

- No significant dent on any seam.
- Sharp dent.
- Swelling or bulging.
- Rust that does not wipe off.



**Always check a can before using it!**



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