

What are the hazards and how might they harm?



Cuts from sharp edges on can lids or top of the can



Internal injuries as a result of physical contamination of food with metal swarf

What other precautions should be taken?



The blade should be pointed and not have any visible damage



Clean up any spillages immediately

Use of Bonzer can openers

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Unit Managers – use page overleaf to list any hazards and control measures specific to your site which are not listed below

Safe System of Work

1. Remove the label from the can if it is not securely stuck in place.
2. After putting the can in position, lower the Bonzer handle firmly to puncture the lid with the blade.
3. Operate the Bonzer handle so that the lid is detached completely from the can.
4. Remove the can from beneath the Bonzer, taking care to avoid handling the rim of the can, which may have become roughened by the grip wheel during the opening process.
5. Using a suitable blunt object such as a spoon handle, lift one edge of the can lid and carefully remove it by gripping it between thumb and index finger, avoiding contact with the sharp edge. Place the lid to one side.
6. Check the contents of the can for metal swarf (shavings of metal from the can). If any metal swarf can be seen the contents of the can should be discarded and the can opener taken out of use. Report this to your manager.
7. Carefully pick up the lid and place it into the empty can, squash the can so that the lid will not fall out and place it in the refuse container.
8. If empty cans are washed and retained for recycling, carefully wrap the lid in wastepaper before placing in the refuse container.
9. Clean can openers at least daily, paying particular attention to the area around the blade and grip wheel where metal swarf and food debris can collect.
10. Visually check the condition of the blade weekly; the blade should be replaced by a responsible person if a visible “notch” is identified or the point appears blunt.

If you have any concerns, stop and speak with your line manager before proceeding.

