TOOLBOX TALK

CLOSED CONTAINERS **V**

Open containers allow fugitive emissions to become airborne, which can compromise air quality. Containers without lids also increase the chance of a spill or release if the container is knocked over.

This is why the EPA and OSHA both require containers that store hazardous materials, such as flammables and combustibles, and hazardous wastes to be closed except when contents are being added or removed.

A container is considered closed when the:

- Open-head drums: Bolt ring, nut and bolt have been replaced and tightened
- Tight-head drums: Bung caps have been screwed into the bung openings
- Containers: Lid is sealed and cover is latched



Follow these best practices when working with drums and other containers that hold hazardous materials:

- Do not carry, transport or move open containers
- Replace bung caps after dispensing liquids from drums or tanks unless the faucets or pumps are capable of preventing leaks, spills and fugitive emissions
- Cover dip tanks and solvent baths when they are not in use
- Return closed containers of flammable liquids to flammable storage cabinets when they are not in use
- Latch container lids or place sealable covers on containers that are used to collect spent absorbents, rags and other wastes

If you see a container holding a hazardous material that is not considered "closed," report it to your supervisor immediately.

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29 CFR 1910.1200, 40 CFR 264.173

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