

**ISRI POSITION ON PRESSURIZED CONTAINERS
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- ISRI has always advocated the maximization of recycling, in an environmentally responsible and safe manner, and the minimization of disposal.
- However, ISRI also recognizes that there are risks inherent in recycling certain materials.
- In particular, recycling of pressurized containers may present certain risks.
- Given the particular circumstances relating to a specific situation, it is up to the individual recycler to make a determination as to the risks associated with the recycling of pressurized containers and make a business decision as to whether those containers can be safely processed given the recyclers equipment and processing capabilities.
- Governmental entities and special interest groups should be cognizant of these risks and respect the decision of professional recyclers who have the knowledge and expertise to make the determination as to whether they will process any type of pressurized containers.

Although ISRI advocates the maximization of recycling, it does so with the strong caveat that all recycling activities should be carried out with worker safety and environmental responsibility given the utmost priority. There are however, individuals and organizations that represent interests other than the recycling industry who, with all good intentions, advocate the maximization of recycling without a complete understanding of the risks associated with the recycling process. Unfortunately, ISRI has documentary evidence of the injuries and damage that can occur when pressurized containers are processed using today's sophisticated recycling machinery.

ISRI is the single voice of the private sector scrap recycling industry, representing members who have been involved in recycling for many decades (and in some instances over a century). ISRI members, who are professionals in their field, must be allowed to weigh those risks and determine for themselves whether they are equipped to handle pressurized containers in a manner which will protect worker safety and the integrity of the environment.