

Opening Chemical Packages Safely



A Know what to expect... Anticipate and prepare for leaking containers...

Prevent an exposure!

- Think before you start work – What are the anticipated chemical hazards? Am I prepared and protected if the container is found leaking or damaged?
- Don ALL required PPE for the potential hazard(s). Minimum: Long pants, closed-toe shoes, lab coat, chemically-resistant gloves, safety glasses with side shields.
- Open all chemical packages in an uncluttered fume hood or with other local exhaust ventilation. Inspect outer and inner packaging before opening.
- Barcode chemicals and add to CMS shortly after unpacking.
- Report any leaking or damaged containers to chemsafety@lbl.gov and your Division Safety Coordinator or Supervisor. Call 911 for emergency situations.

