

## Canister Evacuation and Render Safe Procedure

**NOTE - Always direct valve outlet away from person during the following procedures**

### A. EVACUATION

1. Ascertain from weight of canister whether empty of liquid residues
2. If liquid residue is remaining, invert canister, open valve a minimal amount to allow gradual pressure release, leaving inverted until all pressure is released. Once pressure appears to be released, keeping inverted, gradually open valve fully, to ensure no blockage has occurred in valve, and ascertain evacuation complete.
3. If empty of liquid, invert canister and fully open valve to release pressure, and ascertain evacuation complete.
4. Once empty then proceed to part B to puncture them.

### B. RENDER SAFE PUNCTURING

1. Check, by feel, whether canister contains liquid residues. If yes, take additional care to avoid spillage during following operations.
2. Place evacuated canister in fly press jaws. Base end forward.
3. Close operator protective guard. Wind chisel point down until canister is fully pierced, then up to release. Remove canister from fly press.
4. Alternatively, using a nail punch, puncture the bung on the canister neck (see image below)
5. If canister contains liquid residues, and still pressurised pierce canister twice and then empty into appropriate bulk waste liquid container.
6. Disposal via waste recycling provider.

