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## LaserWriter: Preventing Envelopes from Sealing

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TOPIC -----

Occasionally, envelopes seal shut when they're fed through a LaserWriter. During the printing process, the envelope is heated by the fuser, causing the moisture in the envelope to turn to steam. The steam wets the adhesive on the envelope, which seals it.

This article describes one way to prevent envelopes from sealing:

DISCUSSION -----

- 1) Obtain a sheet of "baking parchment." This is a treated paper product that resists heat. It's available at grocery stores or specialty cooking stores.
  - 2) Cut a piece of baking parchment to fit inside the envelope, and place it in the envelope so that the "smooth" side of the parchment faces the gummed seal.
  - 3) Fold the envelope flap (with the seal) inside the envelope and print. The parchment should lie between the envelope flap and the inside of the envelope.
  - 4) After printing, remove the parchment and reuse it.
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