don't mess with MERCURY

MERCURY SPILL CLEAN-UP

IS YOUR SCHOOL PREPARED?

Visit ***Don't Mess with Mercury*** for materials that will help you prepare for and prevent a mercury spill at your school. Make a spill kit. Take an audit of mercury sources in your school.

A MERCURY SPILL IS:

Toxic
Expensive
Disruptive
Destructive

WHAT TO DO

1. Clear out the room
2. Close off the room
3. Air out the room
4. Determine spill size

SMALL

The amount of mercury found in a thermometer or thermostat

- Get your spill kit
- Clean up the spill, look for hidden mercury
- Remove and properly dispose of contaminated items
- Keep the room closed off and air it out for 24 hours after the spill is cleaned up

LARGE

More than two tablespoons of mercury, or unknown

- Turn off heating and cooling systems
- Call the local health department or environmental agency
- Report the spill to the National Response Center at 1-800-424-8802

WHAT NOT TO DO

- Do not use a vacuum cleaner or broom
- Do not allow people with mercury-contaminated shoes or clothing to walk around
- Do not pour mercury down a drain
- Do not use the washing machine to launder mercury-contaminated clothing

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