**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.

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