

IS YOUR SCHOOL PREPARED?

Visit [Don't Mess with Mercury](http://Don'tMesswithMercury) 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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