

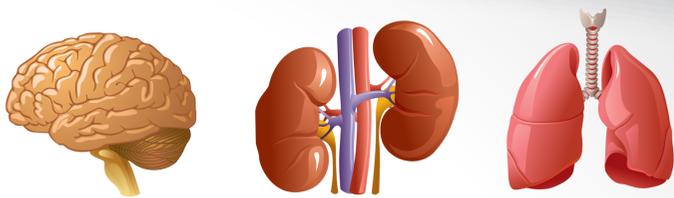
don't mess with  
**MERCURY**

# MAKE YOUR SCHOOL MERCURY FREE

## PLAN & PREPARE

Visit [Don't Mess with Mercury](#) for materials that will help you prepare for and prevent a mercury spill at your school, including:

- Mercury Audit and Checklist
- Sample Mercury School Policy
- Recycling and Disposal Options
- Get Rid of Mercury Safely



## MERCURY IS DANGEROUS

Harmful effects to the brain, kidneys and lungs can develop depending on how much and how long mercury vapor is breathed in.



## MERCURY CLEAN-UPS ARE:

- **Toxic** – spilled mercury gives off poisonous vapors
- **Expensive** – clean-up costs average \$75,000 per spill
- **Disruptive** – most spills cause student evacuations and school closings
- **Destructive** – contaminated items (such as computers, science equipment, and carpeting) may need to be thrown out.

## MERCURY IS STILL AROUND

Do these objects look familiar?



Make the switch to safer alternatives!



Visite nuestra página electrónica en español – [www.atsdr.cdc.gov/dontmesswithmercury](http://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/dontmesswithmercury/es/index.html)



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