

# Mercury Spills

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## **Procedures/Notifications/Documentation/Follow-Up:**

- If spill is in an oven, hot block, etc. shut off heat
- Evacuate the immediate area and all people in the vicinity of the spill
- Isolate the spill area and close doors
- Turn on available exhaust ventilation systems
- Post door "Do Not Enter –Mercury Spill"
- Call EHS immediately

## **When to Report:**

For large mercury spills (i.e. manometers) or spills in areas where loose mercury could be heated (>90 F degrees) and vapors released and call EHS immediately. For all other spills, notify EHS as soon as possible.

## **What to Report:**

- Name and title of person reporting incident
- Date, time and location of incident
- Phone number where the reporting person can be reached
- Brief description of incident
- Phone numbers where the involved persons can be reached