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Environmental Health,
Safety and Risk Management

12 Months of Research Safety

Mercury Thermometers

Mercury is a neurotoxin and can also impact an unborn child. Depending on the type of mercury exposure, victims may experience a variety of effects (sensations, motor skills, cognition, etc).

Standard spill kits and equipment are inadequate for mercury spills, and all mercury spills require specialty EH&S clean-up. In some cases, the spill requires contracting a specialized vendor. Lab spaces are closed while awaiting cleanup and contaminated equipment may need to be disposed of, which can be costly and impact research.

Replacing your mercury thermometers for free



Request exchange:

[https://ehs.ucr.edu/
laboratory/mercury](https://ehs.ucr.edu/laboratory/mercury)

Protect yourself, your lab, and help UCR become mercury-free by exchanging your mercury thermometers for free.

All supplied thermometers have a NIST Statement of Accuracy in the specified range.

Identifying Mercury Thermometers

If the spirit inside a thermometer is silver, it is a mercury thermometer. If the spirit inside a thermometer is blue or red, it is an alcohol thermometer.



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