

## CSSRC Resource Review

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**Review Date:** 1/3/14

**Name/Title:** Don't Mess with Mercury

**Author:** Agency for Toxic Substances & Disease Registry (ATSDR), Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC)

**Media Type:** (Book, CD, Flyer, Poster, Website, etc) website

**Publisher/Supplier:** Agency for Toxic Substances & Disease Registry (ATSDR), Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC)

**Publication Date:** 2013

**Re-order Source:** <http://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/dontmesswithmercury/index.html>

**Language:** English & Spanish

**Usefulness Rating:**

1. Excellent XX
2. Good
3. Fair
4. Poor
5. Rated by: (CSSRC staff member) Alice
6. Comments:
  - a. This website is specifically designed to help schools prepare to handle mercury safely.
  - b. Sources of mercury common in schools are identified, along with safe alternatives.
  - c. Fact sheets and checklists describe what to include in a mercury spill kit, how to clean a small spill, contact information, talking points for media and families after a spill, health effects of mercury exposure, guidance for creating a mercury policy and a sample school policy.
  - d. A section for students contains a video, history, quick health facts, and a game about mercury. The content is about middle school to early high school level.

**Category:** (Prevention, Protection, Mitigation, Response, Recovery, Promotional Item) Prevention, Protection, Mitigation, Response

**Topic:** (Bullying, Substance Abuse, Threat Assessment, etc) Facilities, Physical Environment

**Audience:** (Administrators, Counselors/Psychologists/Social Workers, Emergency Responders, Health Professionals/Nurses, Law Enforcement/SROs/Security, Parents, Teachers, Other School Personnel) all

**Intended Age Group:** (pre-K, elementary, middle, high, higher education) all

**Cost:** 0



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**Additional Comments:** Because mercury is contained in such common items as thermometers and light bulbs, the information available here is relevant and useful for all levels of schools, not just science labs. The entire website, including all the games, fact sheets and tip sheets, is also available in Spanish.

