Playing with mercury just isn’t cool!

Mercury is a very dangerous chemical, and affects the brain and nervous system in many ways.

We call someone ‘mad as a hatter’ because people who made hats in Victorian England often developed nervous disorders as a result of exposure to mercury, which they used to soften felt for hat linings.

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Common objects containing mercury

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Here’s what you can do:

△ Replace mercury-containing products with safer, non-mercury alternatives.
△ Don’t throw fluorescent bulbs and old electronic switches in household trash.
△ Petition to start recycling these objects.