



# Don't take mercury lightly

## MERCURY CONTAINMENT KIT

Should always be available in each ward

Gloves, face mask, eye shield, a syringe, two stiff pieces of cardboard, two plastic bags, packing tape, a flashlight and a container

## IN CASE OF A MERCURY SPILL:

### ▲ DO NOT TOUCH THE MERCURY

Remove any jewellery/watch. Put on all protective gear. Use a flashlight to locate the mercury.

### ▲ COLLECT THE MERCURY CAREFULLY

Use cardboard sheets to push beads of mercury together. Use the syringe to suck the beads of mercury. Carefully place the mercury in a container with some water. Pick up any remaining beads of mercury with sticky tape and place contaminated tape in a plastic bag along with the syringe, cardboard, and gloves. Label the bag as mercury waste. Place this bag and sealed container in the second bag. Label it as mercury waste.

### ▲ NEVER USE A VACUUM CLEANER OR BROOM

### ▲ DISPOSE THE MERCURY PROPERLY

The collected mercury is hazardous waste and should either be disposed off at a hazardous waste facility or given to a mercury equipment manufacturer.



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Did you know that there is enough mercury in a typical thermometer to contaminate a lake with a surface area of about 20 acres, to the degree that fish would be unsafe to eat? Mercury is one of the most toxic substances known to mankind!

