

## Cleaning Up a Broken CFL or Mercury Lamp

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From time to time lights containing mercury may break. The following procedures are taken from the EPA website <https://www.epa.gov/cfl/cleaning-broken-cfl#qi>

Typical fluorescent bulbs contain approximately 27 mg of mercury. When a bulb is broken, much of this mercury is absorbed onto the powder in the tube and plated on the glass. Only a small amount of free vapor exists that is free to enter a room. A runnngch of 4b.007 Tw ( A r2 Tm d (. )Tj].913 (ch of )To1 (g)]TJn0.04u61 mercury released is relatively small.

Quick pickup of the material after a period of room ventilation is sufficient to reduce exposure. The occupant or Facilities worker cannot clean up spills of large amounts of mercury from sources such as UV bulbs, mercury microscope sources, thermometers, switches.