

## **FLUORESCENT TUBE DISPOSAL POLICY**

The vapour in fluorescent lamps is mercury. Mercury vapour from a broken tube escapes to contaminate anyone nearby and the immediate area. Mercury is easily absorbed into the lungs and cannot be removed.

In light of this, the following constitutes the procedures to be followed when disposing of hazardous neon light tubes:

- Neon light tubes to be put into a sealed drum through a cylindrical pipe attached to the top of the drum,
- Drums to be marked – “Neon light tube disposal”,
- A register is to be kept of all tubes being disposed of,
- Once the drums are full, they are to be stored for removal by a recognized waste disposal contractor,
- The toxicity of neon light tubes is to be communicated to all staff, employees and students who are exposed to these dangers.