



RUBBERIZED FLOORING

MERCURY IN GYM FLOORS

Rubber-like flooring is a popular choice for school gyms and multipurpose rooms. Some polyurethane or rubberized flooring manufactured from about 1960 through the 1990's contained mercury. Air quality monitoring can assess whether mercury vapor is released from these floors.

Several states have investigated this issue. They tested the air in school gyms and found that the levels of mercury vapor did not reach amounts high enough to cause health problems for the people using the gym. Proper use of ventilation can help lower levels of mercury vapor if necessary.



TESTING MERCURY VAPOR

The School Facilities Board is working with schools to determine if they have a rubber-like floor that could emit mercury vapor.

Air testing will be done to identify whether high mercury vapor levels exist.

MERCURY VAPOR HEALTH EFFECTS

In high levels, mercury vapor can be a health concern for people who breathe it in over a long period of time. Mercury vapor is colorless and odorless and can affect the nervous system, lungs, and kidneys.

For more information, please visit <https://schoolflooring.az.gov>