

# It is illegal to sell creams that contain mercury

## Attention Store Owners and Product Sellers

Health officials will be enforcing the law.

You must stop selling face creams containing mercury and dispose of them safely.

Health officials have found face creams with mercury in local stores, swap meets, and for sale by individuals.

These creams are used to lighten age spots and get rid of wrinkles, freckles, acne, or other blemishes.

To see the full list of creams you must not sell, visit:

<http://bit.ly/CreamList>



These creams have caused women and children to be hospitalized.

People who use the creams do not always know when they have been poisoned by mercury.

## What to do if you sell creams like the ones on the next page

1. Do not put them in the trash
2. Put the creams in a sealed plastic bag, then put that in a box or bag and label it, "Contains Mercury"
3. Dispose of them through your county's Household Hazardous Waste Disposal service
4. Call them or check their website for instructions on dropping off hazardous waste, along with the days and times they are available

**For more information,** contact (510) 981-4354 or AskEHIB@cdph.ca.gov or visit <http://bit.ly/MercuryinCream>

# Do Not Sell! These Creams Contain Mercury

## Creams With Labels Only in Spanish



## Well-Known Creams Sold Without a Safety Seal

When sold by an individual or at a swap meet, someone may have opened the cream and added mercury before reselling



## Creams With No Label or Homemade Label



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