## Material Data Safety Sheet – Fluorescent Bulbs & Tubes



The Fluorescent Bulbs and Tubes supplied by the Daylight Company contain a small amount of mercury. This mercury is necessary to the function of the product and amounts to less than 3 mg (about the amount you will find on the tip of ball point pen). In normal use this does not present any hazard to the user as it is wholly contained inside the sealed glass part of the bulb or tube. If the glass part of the product is accidentally broken we advise that it is cleaned up as described below:

## Clean-up instructions for broken fluorescent bulbs and tubes

If a fluorescent tube is broken it does not pose a health risk to anyone immediately exposed. As a precautionary measure the room should be ventilated and the bulb cleaned up and disposed of properly. The clean up should involve:

- On hard surfaces wipe the area with a damp cloth, place that in a plastic bag and seal it.
- Sticky tape can be used to pick up small residual pieces or powder from soft furnishings and sealed in a plastic bag.
- The plastic bag does not need to be air tight but should be reasonably sturdy. Place it in another similar bag and seal that one as well in order to minimise cuts from broken glass.
- Contact your local authority for advice on where to dispose of broken or intact CFLs and tubes as they should be treated as hazardous waste.