# Safety Data Sheet
## acc. to OSHA Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200)

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## 1 Identification

· **Product identifier**

· **Trade name: Potassium hydroxide**

· **Article number:** 211720
· **CAS Number:**
1310-58-3
· **EC number:**
215-181-3
· **Index number:**
019-002-00-8
· **Application of the substance / the mixture** Laboratory chemicals for research and development

· **Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet**
· **Manufacturer/Supplier:**
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· **Information department:** Technical Support Department
· **Emergency telephone number:**
During normal operating hours, please call (603) 402-2234
After hours, please call Chemtrec at (800) 424-9300

## 2 Hazard(s) identification

· **Classification of the substance or mixture**



GHS05 Corrosion

Skin Corr. 1A H314 Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.



GHS07

Acute Tox. 4 H302 Harmful if swallowed.

· **Label elements**
· **GHS label elements** The substance is classified and labeled according to the Globally Harmonized System (GHS).
· **Hazard pictograms**




GHS05 GHS07

· **Signal word** Danger

· **Hazard-determining components of labeling:**
potassium hydroxide

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· **Hazard statements**
Harmful if swallowed.
Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.
· **Precautionary statements**
If medical advice is needed, have product container or label at hand.
Keep out of reach of children.
Read label before use.
Do not breathe dusts or mists.
IF ON SKIN (or hair): Remove/Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/shower.
If in eyes: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.
Immediately call a poison center/doctor.
Store locked up.
Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local/regional/national/international regulations.
· **Other hazards**
· **Results of PBT and vPvB assessment**
· **PBT:** Not applicable.
· **vPvB:** Not applicable.

## 3 Composition/information on ingredients

· **Chemical characterization: Substances**
· **CAS No. Description**
1310-58-3 potassium hydroxide
· **Identification number(s)**
· **EC number:** 215-181-3
· **Index number:** 019-002-00-8

## 4 First-aid measures

· **Description of first aid measures**
· **General information:**
Immediately remove any clothing soiled by the product.
Symptoms of poisoning may even occur after several hours; therefore medical observation for at least 48 hours after the accident.
· **After inhalation:** In case of unconsciousness place patient stably in side position for transportation.
· **After skin contact:** Immediately wash with water and soap and rinse thoroughly.
· **After eye contact:** Rinse opened eye for several minutes under running water. Then consult a doctor.
· **After swallowing:**
Immediately call a doctor.
Drink copious amounts of water and provide fresh air. Immediately call a doctor.
· **Information for doctor:**
· **Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed** No further relevant information available.
· **Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed**
No further relevant information available.

## 5 Fire-fighting measures

· **Extinguishing media**
· **Suitable extinguishing agents:**
$CO_2$, extinguishing powder or water spray. Fight larger fires with water spray or alcohol resistant foam.

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· **Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture** No further relevant information available.
· **Advice for firefighters**
· **Protective equipment:** No special measures required.

## 6 Accidental release measures

· **Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures**
Wear protective equipment. Keep unprotected persons away.
· **Environmental precautions:** No special measures required.
· **Methods and material for containment and cleaning up:**
Use neutralizing agent.
Dispose contaminated material as waste according to item 13.
Ensure adequate ventilation.
· **Reference to other sections**
See Section 7 for information on safe handling.
See Section 8 for information on personal protection equipment.
See Section 13 for disposal information.

## 7 Handling and storage

· **Handling:**
· **Precautions for safe handling** Thorough dedusting.
· **Information about protection against explosions and fires:** No special measures required.

· **Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities**
· **Storage:**
· **Requirements to be met by storerooms and receptacles:** No special requirements.
· **Information about storage in one common storage facility:** Not required.
· **Further information about storage conditions:** Keep receptacle tightly sealed.
· **Specific end use(s)** No further relevant information available.

## 8 Exposure controls/personal protection

· **Additional information about design of technical systems:**
Properly operating chemical fume hood designed for hazardous chemicals and having an average face velocity of at least 100 feet per minute

· **Control parameters**

| · **Components with limit values that require monitoring at the workplace:** | |
|---|---|
| **1310-58-3 potassium hydroxide** | |
| REL | Ceiling limit value: 2 mg/m³ |
| TLV | Ceiling limit value: 2 mg/m³ |

· **Additional information:** The lists that were valid during the creation were used as basis.

· **Exposure controls**
· **Personal protective equipment:**
· **General protective and hygienic measures:**
Keep away from foodstuffs, beverages and feed.
Immediately remove all soiled and contaminated clothing.
Wash hands before breaks and at the end of work.
Avoid contact with the eyes and skin.
· **Breathing equipment:** Not required.

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· **Protection of hands:**
Protective gloves
The glove material has to be impermeable and resistant to the product/ the substance/ the preparation.
Due to missing tests no recommendation to the glove material can be given for the product/ the preparation/ the chemical mixture.
Selection of the glove material on consideration of the penetration times, rates of diffusion and the degradation
· **Material of gloves**
The selection of the suitable gloves does not only depend on the material, but also on further marks of quality and varies from manufacturer to manufacturer.
· **Penetration time of glove material**
The exact break through time has to be found out by the manufacturer of the protective gloves and has to be observed.
· **Eye protection:** Tightly sealed goggles

## 9 Physical and chemical properties

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| · **Information on basic physical and chemical properties** | |
| · **General Information** | |
| · **Appearance:** | |
| **Form:** | Pellets |
| **Color:** | White |
| · **Odor:** | Odorless |
| · **Odour threshold:** | Not determined. |
| · **pH-value:** | Not applicable. |
| · **Change in condition** | |
| **Melting point/Melting range:** | 361 °C (682 °F) |
| **Boiling point/Boiling range:** | 1320 °C (2408 °F) |
| · **Flash point:** | Not applicable. |
| · **Flammability (solid, gaseous):** | Product is not flammable. |
| · **Ignition temperature:** | |
| **Decomposition temperature:** | Not determined. |
| · **Auto igniting:** | Not determined. |
| · **Danger of explosion:** | Product does not present an explosion hazard. |
| · **Explosion limits:** | |
| **Lower:** | Not determined. |
| **Upper:** | Not determined. |
| · **Vapor pressure at 20 °C (68 °F):** | 0 hPa |
| · **Density at 20 °C (68 °F):** | 2.044 g/cm³ (17.057 lbs/gal) |
| · **Relative density** | Not determined. |
| · **Vapour density** | Not applicable. |
| · **Evaporation rate** | Not applicable. |
| · **Solubility in / Miscibility with** | |
| **Water at 20 °C (68 °F):** | 1120 g/l |
| · **Partition coefficient (n-octanol/water):** | Not determined. |

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| · **Viscosity:** | |
| **Dynamic:** | Not applicable. |
| **Kinematic:** | Not applicable. |
| **Organic solvents:** | 0.0 % |
| **Solids content:** | 100.0 % |
| · **Other information** | No further relevant information available. |

## 10 Stability and reactivity

· **Reactivity**
· **Chemical stability**
· **Thermal decomposition / conditions to be avoided:** No decomposition if used according to specifications.
· **Possibility of hazardous reactions** No dangerous reactions known.
· **Conditions to avoid** No further relevant information available.
· **Incompatible materials:** No further relevant information available.
· **Hazardous decomposition products:** No dangerous decomposition products known.

## 11 Toxicological information

· **Information on toxicological effects**
· **Acute toxicity:**

| · **LD/LC50 values that are relevant for classification:** | | |
|---|---|---|
| **1310-58-3 potassium hydroxide** | | |
| Oral | LD50 | 273 mg/kg (rat) |

· **Primary irritant effect:**
· **on the skin:** Strong caustic effect on skin and mucous membranes.
· **on the eye:** Strong caustic effect.
· **Sensitization:** No sensitizing effects known.
· **Additional toxicological information:**
Swallowing will lead to a strong caustic effect on mouth and throat and to the danger of perforation of esophagus and stomach.

· **Carcinogenic categories**

| · **IARC (International Agency for Research on Cancer)** |
|---|
| Substance is not listed. |

| · **NTP (National Toxicology Program)** |
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| Substance is not listed. |

| · **OSHA-Ca (Occupational Safety & Health Administration)** |
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| Substance is not listed. |

## 12 Ecological information

· **Toxicity**
· **Aquatic toxicity:** No further relevant information available.
· **Persistence and degradability** No further relevant information available.
· **Behavior in environmental systems:**
· **Bioaccumulative potential** No further relevant information available.

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· **Mobility in soil** No further relevant information available.
· **Additional ecological information:**
· **General notes:** Must not reach bodies of water or drainage ditch undiluted or unneutralized.
· **Results of PBT and vPvB assessment**
· **PBT:** Not applicable.
· **vPvB:** Not applicable.
· **Other adverse effects** No further relevant information available.

## 13 Disposal considerations

· **Waste treatment methods**
· **Recommendation:**
Must not be disposed of together with household garbage. Do not allow product to reach sewage system.

· **Uncleaned packagings:**
· **Recommendation:** Disposal must be made according to official regulations.

## 14 Transport information

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| · **UN-Number** | |
| · **DOT, IMDG, IATA** | UN1813 |
| · **UN proper shipping name** | |
| · **DOT** | Potassium hydroxide, solid |
| · **IMDG, IATA** | POTASSIUM HYDROXIDE, SOLID |
| · **Transport hazard class(es)** | |
| · **DOT, IMDG, IATA** | |
| · **Class** | 8 Corrosive substances |
| · **Packing group** | |
| · **DOT, IMDG, IATA** | II |
| · **Environmental hazards:** | |
| · **Marine pollutant:** | No |
| · **Special precautions for user** | Warning: Corrosive substances |
| · **Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL73/78 and the IBC Code** | Not applicable. |
| · **UN "Model Regulation":** | UN1813, Potassium hydroxide, solid, 8, II |

## 15 Regulatory information

· **Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture**
· **Sara**

· **Section 355 (extremely hazardous substances):**
Substance is not listed.

· **Section 313 (Specific toxic chemical listings):**
Substance is not listed.

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· **TSCA (Toxic Substances Control Act):**
Substance is listed.

· **Proposition 65**

· **Chemicals known to cause cancer:**
Substance is not listed.

· **Chemicals known to cause reproductive toxicity for females:**
Substance is not listed.

· **Chemicals known to cause reproductive toxicity for males:**
Substance is not listed.

· **Chemicals known to cause developmental toxicity:**
Substance is not listed.

· **Carcinogenic categories**

· **EPA (Environmental Protection Agency)**
Substance is not listed.

· **TLV (Threshold Limit Value established by ACGIH)**
Substance is not listed.

· **NIOSH-Ca (National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health)**
Substance is not listed.

· **RTECS**
Substance is not listed.

· **Chemical safety assessment:** A Chemical Safety Assessment has not been carried out.

## 16 Other information

This information is based on our present knowledge. However, this shall not constitute a guarantee for any specific product features and shall not establish a legally valid contractual relationship.

· **NFPA ratings (scale 0-4)**
Health = 4
Fire = 0
Reactivity = 0

· **HMIS ratings (scale 0-4)**
Health = 4
Fire = 0
Reactivity = 0

· **Department issuing SDS:** Technical Support Department
· **Contact:** Technical Support Department
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· **Abbreviations and acronyms:**
ADR: Accord européen sur le transport des marchandises dangereuses par Route (European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road)
IMDG: International Maritime Code for Dangerous Goods
DOT: US Department of Transportation
IATA: International Air Transport Association
ACGIH: American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists
EINECS: European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances
CAS: Chemical Abstracts Service (division of the American Chemical Society)
LC50: Lethal concentration, 50 percent
LD50: Lethal dose, 50 percent
Acute Tox. 4: Acute toxicity, Hazard Category 4
Skin Corr. 1A: Skin corrosion/irritation, Hazard Category 1A