

# Safety Data Sheet

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## Potassium Hydroxide, Reagent

### SECTION 1 : Identification of the substance/mixture and of the supplier

**Product name :** Potassium Hydroxide, Reagent

**Manufacturer/Supplier Trade name:**

**Manufacturer/Supplier Article number:** S25491A

**Recommended uses of the product and uses restrictions on use:**

**Manufacturer Details:**

AquaPhoenix Scientific  
9 Barnhart Drive, Hanover, PA 17331

**Supplier Details:**

Fisher Science Education  
15 Jet View Drive, Rochester, NY 14624

**Emergency telephone number:**

Fisher Science Education Emergency Telephone No.: 800-535-5053

### SECTION 2 : Hazards identification

**Classification of the substance or mixture:**



**Irritant**

Acute toxicity (oral, dermal, inhalation), category 4



**Corrosive**

Skin corrosion, category 1A  
Corrosive to metals, category 1

Acute toxicity - Oral - Acute Tox. 4

Skin corrosion/irritation - Skin Corr. 1A: (C  $\geq$  5 %)

Hazards Not Otherwise Classified - Combustible Dust

Corrosive to metals

**Signal word :** Danger

**Hazard statements:**

May be corrosive to metals

Causes severe skin burns and eye damage

Harmful if swallowed

**Precautionary statements:**

If medical advice is needed, have product container or label at hand

Keep out of reach of children

Read label before use

Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection

Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapours/spray

Wash ... thoroughly after handling

Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product

Keep only in original container

IF INHALED: Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing

Absorb spillage to prevent material damage

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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 or doctor/physician

IF ON SKIN (or hair): Remove/Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/shower Wash contaminated clothing before reuse

IF SWALLOWED: Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician if you feel unwell

Rinse mouth

IF SWALLOWED: Rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting

Specific treatment (see supplemental first aid instructions on this label)

Store locked up

Store in a corrosive resistant/... container with a resistant inner liner

Dispose of contents/container to ...

### WHMIS E:

(0.056% in aqueous solution, 0.11%, 0.56% in aqueous solution, 2.5%, 2.8%, 5.6% in aqueous solution, 25%, 28%, 33.3%, 40%, 50% in aqueous solution) Potassium hydroxide

### Combustible Dust Hazard: :

May form combustible dust concentrations in air (during processing).

### Other Non-GHS Classification:

#### WHMIS



#### NFPA/HMIS



NFPA SCALE (0-4)

Health	3
Flammability	0
Physical Hazard	1
Personal Protection	X

HMIS RATINGS (0-4)

## SECTION 3 : Composition/information on ingredients

### Ingredients:

CAS 1310-58-3

1310-58-3

100 %

Percentages are by weight

## SECTION 4 : First aid measures

### Description of first aid measures

**After inhalation:** Move exposed individual to fresh air. Loosen clothing as necessary and position individual in a comfortable position. Seek medical advice if discomfort or irritation persists. If breathing difficult, give

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oxygen. Provide artificial respiration, if necessary, using a barrier device.

**After skin contact:** Seek immediate medical attention. Wash affected area with soap and water. Rinse/flush exposed skin gently using water for 15-20 minutes.

**After eye contact:** Protect unexposed eye. Remove contact lens(es) if able to do so during rinsing. Rinse or flush eye gently with water for at least 30 minutes, lifting upper and lower lids. Seek immediate medical attention (ophthalmologist)

**After swallowing:** Rinse mouth thoroughly. Do not induce vomiting. Have exposed individual drink sips of water. Contact Poison Control or physician immediately

#### Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed:

Coughing. Causes severe burns by all exposure routes. May cause severe burns, blindness and/or permanent damage. May cause severe and permanent damage to the digestive tract. May cause severe irritation of the upper respiratory tract, coughing, breathing difficulty, burns, and possible coma, chemical burns to the respiratory tract. Nausea, Headache, Shortness of breath.;

#### Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed:

DO NOT use mouth-to-mouth resuscitation without a barrier device to prevent responder from receiving burns. If seeking medical attention, provide SDS document to physician.

### SECTION 5 : Firefighting measures

#### Extinguishing media

**Suitable extinguishing agents:** If in laboratory setting, follow laboratory fire suppression procedures. Use appropriate fire suppression agents for adjacent combustible materials or sources of ignition

**For safety reasons unsuitable extinguishing agents:** Do NOT use water.

#### Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture:

Dissolves in water, releasing heat. If moist, reacts with many common metals to form hydrogen gas. Contact with moisture or water may generate sufficient heat to ignite nearby combustible materials. Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors. Avoid generating dust; fine dust dispersed in air in sufficient concentrations, and in the presence of an ignition source is a potential dust explosion hazard.

#### Advice for firefighters:

**Protective equipment:** Wear special protective clothing and positive pressure self-contained breathing apparatus. Use NIOSH-approved respiratory protection/breathing apparatus.

**Additional information (precautions):** Use spark-proof tools and explosion-proof equipment.

### SECTION 6 : Accidental release measures

#### Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures:

Wear protective equipment. Transfer to a disposal or recovery container. Use spark-proof tools and explosion-proof equipment. Use respiratory protective device against the effects of fumes/dust/aerosol. Keep unprotected persons away. Ensure adequate ventilation. Keep away from ignition sources. Protect from heat. Stop the spill, if possible. Contain spilled material by diking or using inert absorbent.

#### Environmental precautions:

Prevent from reaching drains, sewer or waterway. Collect contaminated soil for characterization per Section 13

#### Methods and material for containment and cleaning up:

If in a laboratory setting, follow Chemical Hygiene Plan procedures. Place into properly labeled containers for recovery or disposal. If necessary, use trained response staff/contractor. Dust deposits should not be allowed to accumulate on surfaces, as these may form an explosive mixture if they are released into the atmosphere in sufficient concentration. Avoid dispersal of dust in the air (i.e., clearing dust surfaces with compressed air). Collect solids in powder form using vacuum with (HEPA filter)

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#### Reference to other sections:

#### SECTION 7 : Handling and storage

##### Precautions for safe handling:

Use in chemical hood only. Avoid contact with eyes, skin, and clothing. Wash hands after handling. Avoid dispersal of dust in the air (i.e., clearing dust surfaces with compressed air). Absorb spillage to prevent material damage. Minimize dust generation and accumulation. Routine housekeeping should be instituted to ensure that dusts do not accumulate on surfaces. Dry powders can build static electricity charges when subjected to the friction of transfer and mixing operations. Follow good hygiene procedures when handling chemical materials. Do not eat, drink, smoke, or use personal products when handling chemical substances. If in a laboratory setting, follow Chemical Hygiene Plan. Use only in well ventilated areas. Avoid generation of dust or fine particulate.

##### Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities:

Store as corrosive. Store in a cool location. Provide ventilation for containers. Avoid storage near extreme heat, ignition sources or open flame. Store away from foodstuffs. Store away from oxidizing agents. Store in cool, dry conditions in well sealed containers. Keep container tightly sealed. Store with like hazards

#### SECTION 8 : Exposure controls/personal protection



##### Control Parameters:

1310-58-3, Potassium hydroxide, ACGIH TLV-C: 2 mg/m<sup>3</sup> Ceiling  
13, Potassium hydroxide, NIOSH REL Ceiling: 2 mg/m<sup>3</sup>  
, , OSHA PEL TWA (Total Dust) 15 mg/m<sup>3</sup> (50 mppcf\*)  
, , ACGIH TLV TWA (inhalable particles) 10 mg/m<sup>3</sup>

##### Appropriate Engineering controls:

Use in chemical hood only. Emergency eye wash fountains and safety showers should be available in the immediate vicinity of use/handling. Provide exhaust ventilation or other engineering controls to keep the airborne concentrations of vapor or dusts (total/respirable) below the applicable workplace exposure limits (Occupational Exposure Limits-OELs) indicated above. Use under a fume hood. It is recommended that all dust control equipment such as local exhaust ventilation and material transport systems involved in handling of this product contain explosion relief vents or an explosion suppression system or an oxygen deficient environment. Ensure that dust-handling systems (such as exhaust ducts, dust collectors, vessels, and processing equipment) are designed in a manner to prevent the escape of dust into the work area (i.e., there is no leakage from the equipment).

##### Respiratory protection:

Not required under normal conditions of use. Use suitable respiratory protective device when high concentrations are present. Use suitable respiratory protective device when aerosol or mist is formed. For spills, respiratory protection may be advisable.

##### Protection of skin:

The glove material has to be impermeable and resistant to the product/ the substance/ the preparation being used/handled. Selection of the glove material on consideration of the penetration times, rates of diffusion and the degradation.

##### Eye protection:

Safety glasses with side shields or goggles.

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#### General hygienic measures:

The usual precautionary measures are to be adhered to when handling chemicals. Keep away from food, beverages and feed sources. Immediately remove all soiled and contaminated clothing. Wash hands before breaks and at the end of work. Do not inhale gases/fumes/dust/mist/vapor/aerosols. Avoid contact with the eyes and skin.

### SECTION 9 : Physical and chemical properties

<b>Appearance (physical state,color):</b>	White solid	<b>Explosion limit lower: Explosion limit upper:</b>	Not Determined Not Determined
<b>Odor:</b>	Odorless	<b>Vapor pressure:</b>	1 mmHg @719C
<b>Odor threshold:</b>	Not Determined	<b>Vapor density:</b>	Not Determined
<b>pH-value:</b>	13.5 (0.1M)	<b>Relative density:</b>	Not Determined
<b>Melting/Freezing point:</b>	360°C / 680°F	<b>Solubilities:</b>	Very soluble, 1130 g/L at 20 °C
<b>Boiling point/Boiling range:</b>	1320°C / 2408°F	<b>Partition coefficient (n-octanol/water):</b>	Not Determined
<b>Flash point (closed cup):</b>	Not Determined	<b>Auto/Self-ignition temperature:</b>	Not Determined
<b>Evaporation rate:</b>	Not Determined	<b>Decomposition temperature:</b>	Not Determined
<b>Flammability (solid,gaseous):</b>	Not Determined	<b>Viscosity:</b>	a. Kinematic:Not Determined b. Dynamic: Not Determined
<b>Density:</b> Not Determined <b>Specific Gravity:</b> :2.04			

### SECTION 10 : Stability and reactivity

**Reactivity:**Nonreactive under normal conditions.

**Chemical stability:**No decomposition if used and stored according to specifications.stable, readily absorbs carbon dioxide and moisture to from the air and deliquesces.

**Possible hazardous reactions:**None under normal processing

**Conditions to avoid:**Dust formation, exposure to moist air or water. Incompatible Materials.

**Incompatible materials:**Acids, metals. Strong acids.Strong bases.

**Hazardous decomposition products:**Potassium oxides. Hydrogen gas. Carbon oxides (CO, CO2).

### SECTION 11 : Toxicological information

<b>Acute Toxicity:</b>		
<b>Oral:</b>	284 mg/kg	Oral LD50 Rat
<b>Oral:</b>	273mg/kg	LD50 oral-rat:
<b>Chronic Toxicity:</b>		
<b>Dermal:</b>	Experimental data	Tumorigenic and mutagenic effects have been reported in experimental animals.

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<b>Corrosion Irritation:</b>		
<b>Ocular:</b>	Classified as Skin Corrosion 1 (which also causes eye damage)	May cause severe burns, blindness and/or permanent damage
<b>Dermal:</b>	Classified as Skin Corrosion 1	May cause burns, deep penetrating ulcerations of the skin, delayed tissue destruction, redness, pain.
<b>Sensitization:</b>		No additional information.
<b>Single Target Organ (STOT):</b>		No additional information.
<b>Numerical Measures:</b>		No additional information.
<b>Carcinogenicity:</b>		No additional information.
<b>Mutagenicity:</b>		No additional information.
<b>Reproductive Toxicity:</b>		No additional information.

### SECTION 12 : Ecological information

**Ecotoxicity Persistence and degradability:** Readily degradable in the environment.

**Bioaccumulative potential:**

**Mobility in soil:**

**Other adverse effects:**

### SECTION 13 : Disposal considerations

#### Waste disposal recommendations:

Product/containers must not be disposed together with household garbage. Do not allow product to reach sewage system or open water. It is the responsibility of the waste generator to properly characterize all waste materials according to applicable regulatory entities (US 40CFR262.11). Consult federal state/ provincial and local regulations regarding the proper disposal of waste material that may incorporate some amount of this product.

### SECTION 14 : Transport information

#### UN-Number

1813

#### UN proper shipping name

Potassium Hydroxide, Solid

#### Transport hazard class(es)



#### Class:

8 Corrosive substances

#### Packing group:II

#### Environmental hazard:

#### Transport in bulk:

#### Special precautions for user:

### SECTION 15 : Regulatory information

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#### United States (USA)

##### SARA Section 311/312 (Specific toxic chemical listings):

Reactive, Acute, Chronic, Pressure

##### SARA Section 313 (Specific toxic chemical listings):

None of the ingredients is listed

##### RCRA (hazardous waste code):

None of the ingredients is listed

##### TSCA (Toxic Substances Control Act):

All ingredients are listed.

##### CERCLA (Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act):

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#### Proposition 65 (California):

##### Chemicals known to cause cancer:

None of the ingredients is listed

##### Chemicals known to cause reproductive toxicity for females:

None of the ingredients is listed

##### Chemicals known to cause reproductive toxicity for males:

None of the ingredients is listed

##### Chemicals known to cause developmental toxicity:

None of the ingredients is listed

#### Canada

##### Canadian Domestic Substances List (DSL):

All ingredients are listed.

##### Canadian NPRI Ingredient Disclosure list (limit 0.1%):

None of the ingredients is listed

##### Canadian NPRI Ingredient Disclosure list (limit 1%):

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### SECTION 16 : Other information

This product has been classified in accordance with hazard criteria of the Controlled Products Regulations and the SDS contains all the information required by the Controlled Products Regulations. Note: The responsibility to provide a safe workplace remains with the user. The user should consider the health hazards and safety information contained herein as a guide and should take those precautions required in an individual operation to instruct employees and develop work practice procedures for a safe work environment. The information contained herein is, to the best of our knowledge and belief, accurate. However, since the conditions of handling and use are beyond our control, we make no guarantee of results, and assume no liability for damages incurred by the use of this material. It is the responsibility of the user to comply with all applicable laws and regulations applicable to this material.

#### GHS Full Text Phrases:

#### Abbreviations and acronyms:

IMDG: International Maritime Code for Dangerous Goods

PNEC: Predicted No-Effect Concentration (REACH)

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CFR: Code of Federal Regulations (USA)

SARA: Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (USA)

RCRA: Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (USA)

TSCA: Toxic Substances Control Act (USA)

NPRI: National Pollutant Release Inventory (Canada)

DOT: US Department of Transportation

IATA: International Air Transport Association

GHS: Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals

ACGIH: American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists

CAS: Chemical Abstracts Service (division of the American Chemical Society)

NFPA: National Fire Protection Association (USA)

HMIS: Hazardous Materials Identification System (USA)

WHMIS: Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System (Canada)

DNEL: Derived No-Effect Level (REACH)

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