

Australian statement of hazardous nature : Classified as hazardous according to criteria of Safe Work Australia

## Section 1 - Identification

**Product Name** Potassium Hydroxide 3%

<b>Product Code</b>	<b>R21251</b>
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**Recommended Use** Laboratory chemicals.

**Uses advised against** This product does not contain any substance(s) on the Illicit Drug Precursors/Reagents list. This product does not contain any substance(s) subject to Prohibition, Authorization or Restriction. This product does not contain any substance(s) listed on the voluntary National Code of Practice for Chemicals of Security Concern.

## Section 2 - Hazard(s) Identification

### Classification under Safe Work Australia

Classified as hazardous according to criteria of Safe Work Australia

**Physical hazards**  
No hazards identified

**Health hazards**

Skin Corrosion/Irritation  
Serious Eye Damage/Eye Irritation

Category 1 B  
Category 1

**Environmental hazards**  
No hazards identified

### Label Elements



Corrosion

**Signal Word****Danger****Hazard Statements**

H314 - Causes severe skin burns and eye damage

**Precautionary Statements**

P264 - Wash face, hands and any exposed skin thoroughly after handling

P280 - Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection

P301 + P330 + P331 - IF SWALLOWED: rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting

P304 + P340 - IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing

P363 - Wash contaminated clothing before reuse

P405 - Store locked up

P501 - Dispose of contents/ container to an approved waste disposal plant

**Other information**

No information available

**Section 3 - Composition and Information on Ingredients**

Component	CAS No	Weight %
Potassium hydroxide	1310-58-3	3

**Section 4 - First Aid Measures**

<b>Inhalation</b>	Remove to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. Get medical attention if symptoms occur.
<b>Ingestion</b>	Clean mouth with water and drink afterwards plenty of water.
<b>Skin Contact</b>	Wash off immediately with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. If skin irritation persists, call a physician.
<b>Eye Contact</b>	Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention.
<b>General Advice</b>	If symptoms persist, call a physician.
<b>Self-Protection of the First Aider</b>	Ensure that medical personnel are aware of the material(s) involved, take precautions to protect themselves and prevent spread of contamination.
<b>First Aid Facilities</b>	Eyewash, safety shower and washroom.
<b>Most important symptoms and effects</b>	Causes severe eye damage. None reasonably foreseeable. Ingestion causes severe swelling, severe damage to the delicate tissue and danger of perforation
<b>Notes to Physician</b>	Treat symptomatically.

**Section 5 - Fire Fighting Measures****Suitable Extinguishing Media**Water spray, carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>), dry chemical, alcohol-resistant foam.**Extinguishing media which must not be used for safety reasons**

No information available.

**Hazardous Decomposition Products**

Carbon oxides.

**Specific Hazards Arising from the Chemical**

Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors.

**Special protective equipment and precautions for fire fighters**

As in any fire, wear self-contained breathing apparatus pressure-demand, MSHA/NIOSH (approved or equivalent) and full protective gear.

## Section 6 - Accidental Release Measures

**Emergency procedures**

Ensure adequate ventilation. Use personal protective equipment as required.

**Environmental Precautions**

Should not be released into the environment.

**Methods for Containment and Clean Up****Clean-up methods - small spillage**

Soak up with inert absorbent material. Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal.

**Clean-up methods - large spillage**

Typically only supplied in small quantities as packaged goods.

If extremely toxic or used in larger quantities ensure a spillage action plan is in place. Evacuate area. Control the source and/or contain the spill if safe and able to do so. Use temporary diking, sand bags, dry sand, earth or proprietary booms/absorbent pads if available. Obtain advice on containment, neutralisation and clean-up from local emergency responders.

**Reference to Other Sections**

Refer to protective measures listed in Sections 8 and 13.

## Section 7 - Handling and Storage

**Precautions for Safe Handling**

Ensure adequate ventilation. Wear personal protective equipment/face protection. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Avoid ingestion and inhalation.

**Conditions for Safe Storage, Including any Incompatibilities**

Protect from light. Protect from moisture. Keep containers tightly closed in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place. Corrosives area.

AS/NZS 2243.10:2004, Safety in laboratories - Storage of chemicals

## Section 8 - Exposure Controls and Personal Protection

**Exposure limits**

**AUS** - Exposure Standards for Atmospheric Contaminants in the Occupational Environment - Guidance Note on the Interpretation of Exposure Standards for Atmospheric Contaminants in the Occupational Environment [NOHSC:3008(1995)]  
Adopted National Exposure Standards for Atmospheric Contaminants in the Occupational Environment [NOHSC:1003(1995)] updated in August, 2005. Safe Work Australia **ACGIH** - Threshold Limit Values - Ceiling (TLV-C) guidelines by the American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists (ACGIH) for controlling worker exposure to airborne chemical concentrations in the workplace. **UK** - EH40/2005 Work Exposure Limits, Fourth edition. Published 2020.

Component	Australia	New Zealand WEL	ACGIH TLV	The United Kingdom	Germany
Potassium hydroxide	Ceiling: 2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Ceiling: 2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Ceiling: 2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	WEL - 2 mg/m <sup>3</sup> STEL	

**Biological limit values**

This product, as supplied, does not contain any hazardous materials with biological limits established by the region specific

regulatory bodies

### Exposure Controls

#### Engineering Measures

Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are close to the workstation location.

Wherever possible, engineering control measures such as the isolation or enclosure of the process, the introduction of process or equipment changes to minimise release or contact, and the use of properly designed ventilation systems, should be adopted to control hazardous materials at source

### Personal protective equipment

#### Eye Protection

Goggles (Australian/New Zealand Standard AS/NZS 1337 - Eye protectors for Industrial applications)

#### Hand Protection

Protective gloves

Glove material	Breakthrough time	Glove thickness	AUS/NZ Standard	Glove comments
Neoprene	See manufacturers recommendations	-	AS/NZS 2161	(minimum requirement)

Inspect gloves before use.

Please observe the instructions regarding permeability and breakthrough time which are provided by the supplier of the gloves. (Refer to manufacturer/supplier for information)

Ensure gloves are suitable for the task: Chemical compatability, Dexterity, Operational conditions, User susceptibility, e.g. sensitisation effects, also take into consideration the specific local conditions under which the product is used, such as the danger of cuts, abrasion.

Remove gloves with care avoiding skin contamination.

#### Skin and body protection

Long sleeved clothing

#### Respiratory Protection

Use an AS/NZS 1716 approved respirator if exposure limits are exceeded or if irritation or other symptoms are experienced. To protect the wearer, respiratory protective equipment must be the correct fit and be used and maintained in line with AS/NZS 1715 on the use and maintenance of respiratory protective devices

#### Recommended Filter type:

Inorganic gases and vapours filter Type B Grey or Ammonia and organic ammonia derivatives filter Type K Green conforming to EN14387 (or AUS/NZ equivalent)

#### Recommended half mask:-

Valve filtering: EN405 or Half mask: EN140 plus filter, EN 141 (or AUS/NZ equivalent)  
When RPE is used a face piece Fit Test should be conducted

### Hygiene Measures

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

### Environmental exposure controls

No information available.

## Section 9 - Physical and Chemical Properties

### Information on basic physical and chemical properties

#### Appearance

Colourless

#### Physical State

Liquid

#### Odor

No information available

#### Odor Threshold

No data available

#### pH

No information available

#### Melting Point/Range

No data available

#### Softening Point

No data available

#### Boiling Point/Range

Not applicable

#### Flash Point

Not applicable

Method - No information available

#### Evaporation Rate

No data available

#### Flammability (solid,gas)

Not applicable

Liquid

#### Explosion Limits

No data available

<b>Vapor Pressure</b>	No data available	
<b>Vapor Density</b>	No data available	(Air = 1.0)
<b>Specific Gravity / Density</b>	No data available	
<b>Bulk Density</b>	Not applicable	Liquid
<b>Water Solubility</b>	No information available	
<b>Solubility in other solvents</b>	No information available	
<b>Partition Coefficient (n-octanol/water)</b>		
<b>Component</b>	<b>log Pow</b>	
Potassium hydroxide	0.83	
<b>Autoignition Temperature</b>	No data available	
<b>Decomposition Temperature</b>	No data available	
<b>Viscosity</b>	No data available	
<b>Explosive Properties</b>	No information available	
<b>Oxidizing Properties</b>	No information available	

Other information

## Section 10 - Stability and Reactivity

<b>Reactivity</b>	None known, based on information available
<b>Stability</b>	Stable under recommended storage conditions.
<b>Conditions to Avoid</b>	Heat, flames and sparks.
<b>Incompatible Materials</b>	. Strong oxidizing agents

**Hazardous Decomposition Products** Carbon oxides.

**Hazardous Polymerization** Hazardous polymerization does not occur.

## Section 11 - Toxicological Information

### Information on Toxicological Effects

**Product Information** Product does not present an acute toxicity hazard based on known or supplied information

**(a) acute toxicity;**

**Oral**

Based on ATE data, the classification criteria are not met

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

**Dermal**

No data available

**Inhalation**

No data available

Component	LD50 Oral	LD50 Dermal	LC50 Inhalation
Potassium hydroxide	LD50 = 333-384 mg/kg (Rat)		

**(b) skin corrosion/irritation;** Category 1 B

**(c) serious eye damage/irritation;** Category 1

**(d) respiratory or skin sensitization;**

**Respiratory**

No data available

**Skin**

No data available

Component	Test method	Test species	Study result
Potassium hydroxide 1310-58-3 ( 3 )	OECD Test Guideline 406	guinea pig	non-sensitising

(e) germ cell mutagenicity;	No data available
(f) carcinogenicity;	No data available There are no known carcinogenic chemicals in this product
(g) reproductive toxicity;	No data available
(h) STOT-single exposure;	No data available
(i) STOT-repeated exposure;	No data available
Target Organs	None known.
(j) aspiration hazard;	No data available
Symptoms / effects, both acute and delayed	Ingestion causes severe swelling, severe damage to the delicate tissue and danger of perforation

## Section 12 - Ecological Information

Ecotoxicity effects	.
Persistence and Degradability	No information available
Bioaccumulative Potential	No information available

Component	log Pow	Bioconcentration factor (BCF)
Potassium hydroxide	0.83	No data available
Mobility	No information available.	
Endocrine Disruptor Information	This product does not contain any known or suspected endocrine disruptors	
Persistent Organic Pollutant	This product does not contain any known or suspected substance	
Ozone Depletion Potential	This product does not contain any known or suspected substance	

## Section 13 - Disposal Considerations

Waste from Residues/Unused Products	Do not allow into drains or watercourses or dispose of where ground or surface waters may be affected. Wastes, including emptied containers, are controlled wastes and should be disposed of in accordance with all federal, E.P.A., state and local regulations. Assure conformity with all applicable regulations.
Contaminated Packaging	Dispose of this container to hazardous or special waste collection point.
Other Information	Chemical wastes should be disposed through a licensed commercial waste collection service. Waste codes should be assigned by the user based on the application for which the product was used. Do not empty into drains. Do not flush to sewer. Large amounts will affect pH and harm aquatic organisms.

## Section 14 - Transport Information

### IMDG/IMO

UN-No	UN1814
Proper Shipping Name	Potassium hydroxide solution
Hazard Class	8
Packing Group	III

**ADG**

**UN-No** UN1814  
**Proper Shipping Name** Potassium hydroxide solution  
**Hazard Class** 8  
**Packing Group** III

Component	Hazchem Code
Potassium hydroxide 1310-58-3 ( 3 )	2W 2R

**IATA**

**UN-No** UN1814  
**Proper Shipping Name** Potassium hydroxide, solution  
**Hazard Class** 8  
**Packing Group** III

**Environmental hazards** No hazards identified

**Special Precautions** No special precautions required

**Additional information** None known

## Section 15 - Regulatory Information

### Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture

#### National Regulations Australia

See section 8 for national exposure control parameters.

#### **Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Medicines and Poisons**

Classified as a scheduled poison according to the Standard for Uniform Scheduling of Medicines and Poisons.

Component	Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Medicines and Poisons
Potassium hydroxide - 1310-58-3	<p>Schedule 5 listed - except its salts and derivatives; in preparations being: solid preparations the pH of which in a 10 g/L aqueous solution is &gt;11.5; liquid or semi-solid preparations the pH of which is &gt;11.5 except in food additive preparations for domestic use</p> <p>Schedule 6 listed - except its salts and derivatives; except: [a] when included in Schedule 5 or Schedule 10, [b] in preparations containing &lt;=5% of Potassium hydroxide being: [i] solid preparations, the pH of which in a 10 g/L aqueous solution is &lt;=11.5, or [ii] liquid or semi-solid preparations, the pH of which is &lt;=11.5</p> <p>Schedule 10 listed</p>

#### **Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme (AICIS)**

Component	Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme (AICIS)	Additional information
Potassium hydroxide - 1310-58-3	Present	-

#### **Australian - Illicit Drug Precursors/Reagents Substance List**

This product does not contain any substance(s) on the Illicit Drug Precursors/Reagents list.

#### **Chemicals of Security Concern**

This product does not contain any substance(s) listed on the voluntary National Code of Practice for Chemicals of Security Concern

National pollutant inventory Not applicable

#### Prohibition or notification/licensing requirements

Shown below are details of specific prohibition/notifications or licensing requirements when they apply.

This product does not contain any substance(s) subject to Prohibition, Authorization or Restriction.

#### International Inventories

Component	AICS	NZIoC	EINECS	ELINCS	TSCA	DSL	NDSL	PICCS	ENCS	ISHL	IECSC	KECL
Potassium hydroxide	X	X	215-181-3	-	X	X	-	X	X	X	X	KE-29139

**Legend:** X - Listed. '-' - Not Listed. **KECL** - NIER number or KE number (<http://ncis.nier.go.kr/en/main.do>)

#### International Regulations

**Ozone Depletion Potential** This product does not contain any known or suspected substance

**Persistent Organic Pollutant** This product does not contain any known or suspected substance

**Rotterdam Convention (PIC)** Not applicable

#### Basel convention on the control of transboundary movements of hazardous wastes and their disposal

Take note that wastes may be subject to export, import, or transit controls pursuant to the Basel convention and/or local regulations implementing the Basel convention.

Component	Basel Convention (Hazardous Waste)	Australian Hazardous Waste Act - Categories of Wastes to Be Controlled
Potassium hydroxide - 1310-58-3	Annex I - Y35	Y35 in solid form

Component	CAS No	OECD HPV	Restriction of Hazardous Substances (RoHS)	Seveso III Directive (2012/18/EC) - Qualifying Quantities for Major Accident Notification	Seveso III Directive (2012/18/EC) - Qualifying Quantities for Safety Report Requirements
Potassium hydroxide	1310-58-3	Listed	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

#### Authorisation/Restrictions according to EU REACH

Component	REACH (1907/2006) - Annex XIV - Substances Subject to Authorization	REACH (1907/2006) - Annex XVII - Restrictions on Certain Dangerous Substances	REACH Regulation (EC 1907/2006) article 59 - Candidate List of Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC)
Potassium hydroxide	-	Use restricted. See item 75. (see link for restriction details)	-

<https://echa.europa.eu/substances-restricted-under-reach>

## Section 16 - Other Information

#### Legend



**AICS** - Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances  
**TSCA** - United States Toxic Substances Control Act Section 8(b) Inventory  
**DSL/NDL** - Canadian Domestic Substances List/Non-Domestic Substances List  
**IECSC** - Chinese Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances  
**PICCS** - Philippines Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances  
**TWA** - Time Weighted Average  
**IARC** - International Agency for Research on Cancer  
**ICAO/IATA** - International Civil Aviation Organization/International Air Transport Association  
**MARPOL** - International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships  
**NZS 5433:2012** - Transport of Dangerous Goods on Land  
**LD50** - Lethal Dose 50%  
**EC50** - Effective Concentration 50%  
**WEL** - Workplace Exposure Limit  
**DNEL** - Derived No Effect Level  
**POW** - Partition coefficient Octanol:Water  
**vPvB** - very Persistent, very Bioaccumulative  
**VOC** (volatile organic compound)

**NZIoC** - New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals  
**EINECS/ELINCS** - European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances/EU List of Notified Chemical Substances  
**ENCS** - Japanese Existing and New Chemical Substances  
**KECL** - Korean Existing and Evaluated Chemical Substances  
**CAS** - Chemical Abstracts Service  
**ACGIH** - American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists  
Predicted No Effect Concentration (PNEC)  
**IMO/IMDG** - International Maritime Organization/International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code  
**ADG** Australian Code for the Transport of Dangerous Goods by Road and Rail  
**OECD** - Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development  
**LC50** - Lethal Concentration 50%  
**ATE** - Acute Toxicity Estimate  
**RPE** - Respiratory Protective Equipment  
**NOEC** - No Observed Effect Concentration  
**BCF** - Bioconcentration factor  
**PBT** - Persistent, Bioaccumulative, Toxic

#### Key literature references and sources for data

<https://echa.europa.eu/information-on-chemicals>  
Suppliers safety data sheet, Chemadviser - LOLI, Merck index, RTECS

#### Training Advice

Chemical hazard awareness training, incorporating labelling, Safety Data Sheets (SDS), Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and hygiene.

Use of personal protective equipment, covering appropriate selection, compatibility, breakthrough thresholds, care, maintenance, fit and standards.

First aid for chemical exposure, including the use of eye wash and safety showers.

Chemical incident response training.

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