

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

## Section 1 - Identification

**Product Name** Potassium hydroxide

**CAS No** 1310-58-3

**Product Code** **A18854**

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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

Substances/mixtures corrosive to metal

Category 1

#### Health hazards

Acute Oral Toxicity  
 Skin Corrosion/Irritation  
 Serious Eye Damage/Eye Irritation

Category 4  
 Category 1 A  
 Category 1

#### Environmental hazards

No hazards identified

#### Label Elements



Exclamation Mark



Corrosion

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

H290 - May be corrosive to metals

H302 - Harmful if swallowed

H314 - Causes severe skin burns and eye damage

**Precautionary Statements**

P234 - Keep only in original packaging

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

P270 - Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product

P271 - Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area

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

P303 + P361 + P353 - IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water or shower

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

P305 + P351 + P338 - IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing

P310 - Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor

P330 - Rinse mouth

P331 - Do NOT induce vomiting

P363 - Wash contaminated clothing before reuse

P390 - Absorb spillage to prevent material damage

P402 - Store in a dry place

P403 + P233 - Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed

P406 - Store in corrosion resistant polypropylene container with a resistant inliner

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

**Other information**

Toxic to terrestrial vertebrates

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

Component	CAS No	Weight %
Potassium hydroxide	1310-58-3	85-100

**Section 4 - First Aid Measures****Inhalation**

Remove to fresh air. Do not use mouth-to-mouth method if victim ingested or inhaled the substance; give artificial respiration with the aid of a pocket mask equipped with a one-way valve or other proper respiratory medical device. Call a physician or poison control center immediately. If not breathing, give artificial respiration.

**Ingestion**

Do NOT induce vomiting. Immediate medical attention is required. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Drink plenty of water.

**Skin Contact**

Wash off immediately with soap and plenty of water while removing all contaminated

	clothes and shoes. Call a physician immediately.
<b>Eye Contact</b>	Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes. Immediate medical attention is required. Keep eye wide open while rinsing.
<b>General Advice</b>	Immediate medical attention is required. Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance.
<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 burns by all exposure routes. Product is a corrosive material. Use of gastric lavage or emesis is contraindicated. Possible perforation of stomach or esophagus should be investigated: 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

CO<sub>2</sub>, dry chemical, dry sand, alcohol-resistant foam.

### Extinguishing media which must not be used for safety reasons

Water.

### Hazardous Decomposition Products

Hydrogen, Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors, Potassium oxides.

### Specific Hazards Arising from the Chemical

The product causes burns of eyes, skin and mucous membranes.

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

## Section 6 - Accidental Release Measures

### Emergency procedures

Use personal protective equipment as required. Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Avoid contact with skin, eyes or clothing.

### Environmental Precautions

Do not allow material to contaminate ground water system. Should not be released into the environment. Do not flush into surface water or sanitary sewer system. See Section 12 for additional Ecological Information.

### Methods for Containment and Clean Up

#### Clean-up methods - small spillage

Sweep up and shovel into suitable containers for disposal. Avoid dust formation.

#### 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

Use only under a chemical fume hood. Wear personal protective equipment/face protection. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Do not breathe dust. Do not ingest. If swallowed then seek immediate medical assistance.

### Conditions for Safe Storage, Including any Incompatibilities

Keep containers tightly closed in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place. Corrosives area. Store under an inert atmosphere.

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

Use only under a chemical fume hood. 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
Natural rubber	See manufacturers	-	AS/NZS 2161	(minimum requirement)
Nitrile rubber	recommendations			
Neoprene				
PVC				

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 compatibility, 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

**Recommended Filter type:**  
**Recommended half mask:-**

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  
 Particulates filter conforming to EN 143 (or AUS/NZ equivalent)  
 Particle filtering: EN149:2001 (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**

Prevent product from entering drains.

## Section 9 - Physical and Chemical Properties

### Information on basic physical and chemical properties

<b>Appearance</b>	White	
<b>Physical State</b>	Solid	
<b>Odor</b>	Odorless	
<b>Odor Threshold</b>	No data available	
<b>pH</b>	13.5	0.1M aq.solution
<b>Melting Point/Range</b>	360 °C / 680 °F	
<b>Softening Point</b>	No data available	
<b>Boiling Point/Range</b>	1320 °C / 2408 °F	
<b>Flash Point</b>	No information available	<b>Method -</b> No information available
<b>Evaporation Rate</b>	Not applicable	Solid
<b>Flammability (solid,gas)</b>	No information available	
<b>Explosion Limits</b>	No data available	
<b>Vapor Pressure</b>	No data available	
<b>Vapor Density</b>	Not applicable	Solid
<b>Specific Gravity / Density</b>	No data available	
<b>Bulk Density</b>	No data available	
<b>Water Solubility</b>	1120 g/L (20°C)	
<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>	Not applicable	Solid
<b>Explosive Properties</b>	No information available	
<b>Oxidizing Properties</b>	No information available	
<b>Other information</b>		
<b>Molecular Formula</b>	H K O	
<b>Molecular Weight</b>	56.11	

## Section 10 - Stability and Reactivity

<b>Reactivity</b>	Yes
<b>Stability</b>	Hygroscopic. Air sensitive.
<b>Conditions to Avoid</b>	Incompatible products, Excess heat, Exposure to air, Exposure to moist air or water.
<b>Incompatible Materials</b>	Strong oxidizing agents, Acids, Acid chlorides, Acid anhydrides, Ketones, Peroxides, Water, Metals.

**Hazardous Decomposition Products** Hydrogen. Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors. Potassium oxides.

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

## Section 11 - Toxicological Information

### Information on Toxicological Effects

#### Product Information

**(a) acute toxicity;**

Oral

Category 4

Dermal

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

Inhalation

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

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

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

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

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

Respiratory

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

Skin

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

**(e) germ cell mutagenicity;**

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

**(f) carcinogenicity;**

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

There are no known carcinogenic chemicals in this product

**(g) reproductive toxicity;**

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

**(h) STOT-single exposure;**

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

**(i) STOT-repeated exposure;**

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

Target Organs

None known.

**(j) aspiration hazard;**

Not applicable

Solid

**Symptoms / effects, both acute and delayed**

Product is a corrosive material. Use of gastric lavage or emesis is contraindicated. Possible perforation of stomach or esophagus should be investigated: Ingestion causes severe swelling, severe damage to the delicate tissue and danger of perforation

## Section 12 - Ecological Information

**Ecotoxicity effects**

Do not empty into drains. Contains a substance which is: Harmful to aquatic organisms. The product contains following substances which are hazardous for the environment.

**Persistence and Degradability**

**Persistence**

Persistence is unlikely.

**Degradability**

Not relevant for inorganic substances.

**Degradation in sewage**

Contains substances known to be hazardous to the environment or not degradable in waste

**treatment plant**  
**Bioaccumulative Potential** water treatment plants.  
 Bioaccumulation is unlikely

Component	log Pow	Bioconcentration factor (BCF)
Potassium hydroxide	0.83	No data available

**Mobility** The product is water soluble, and may spread in water systems. Will likely be mobile in the environment due to its water solubility Highly mobile in soils

**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. Solutions with high pH-value must be neutralized before discharge.

## Section 14 - Transport Information

### IMDG/IMO

**UN-No** UN1813  
**Proper Shipping Name** Potassium hydroxide, solid  
**Hazard Class** 8  
**Packing Group** II

### ADG

**UN-No** UN1813  
**Proper Shipping Name** Potassium hydroxide, solid  
**Hazard Class** 8  
**Packing Group** II

Component	Hazchem Code
Potassium hydroxide	2W
1310-58-3 ( 85-100 )	2R

### IATA

**UN-No** UN1813  
**Proper Shipping Name** Potassium hydroxide, solid  
**Hazard Class** 8  
**Packing Group** II

**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	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 >11.5; liquid or semi-solid preparations the pH of which is >11.5 except in food additive preparations for domestic use Schedule 6 listed - except its salts and derivatives; except: [a] when included in Schedule 5 or Schedule 10, [b] in preparations containing <=5% of Potassium hydroxide being: [i] solid preparations, the pH of which in a 10 g/L aqueous solution is <=11.5, or [ii] liquid or semi-solid preparations, the pH of which is <=11.5 Schedule 10 listed

#### 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 solid or solution

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  
**PNEC** - Predicted No Effect Concentration  
**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.

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**Revision Summary**

Not applicable.

**This Safety Data Sheet (SDS) is prepared in accordance to and complies with the requirements of Safe Work Australia - Work Health and Safety Regulations (WHS Regulations).**

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