

# Safety Data Sheet

## Potassium Hydroxide, 2%

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### Section 1 Product Description

**Product Name:** Potassium Hydroxide, 2%  
**Recommended Use:** Science education applications  
**Synonyms:** Caustic potash solutions, Potassium Hydroxide 0.33N  
**Distributor:** Carolina Biological Supply Company  
2700 York Road, Burlington, NC 27215  
1-800-227-1150  
**Chemical Information:** 800-227-1150 (8am-5pm (ET) M-F)  
**Chemtrec:** 800-424-9300 (Transportation Spill Response 24 hours)

### Section 2 Hazard Identification

Classification of the chemical in accordance with paragraph (d) of §1910.1200;

**DANGER**



Causes severe skin burns and eye damage. Causes serious eye damage. Harmful to aquatic life.

**GHS Classification:**

Skin Corrosion/Irritation Category 1B, Serious Eye Damage/Eye Irritation Category 1, Hazardous to the aquatic environment - Acute Category 3

### Section 3 Composition / Information on Ingredients

<u>Chemical Name</u>	<u>CAS #</u>	<u>%</u>
Water	7732-18-5	98
Potassium Hydroxide	1310-58-3	2

### Section 4 First Aid Measures

**Emergency and First Aid Procedures**

**Inhalation:** IF INHALED: Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing.  
**Eyes:** IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.  
**Skin Contact:** IF ON SKIN (or hair): Remove/Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/shower. Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.  
**Ingestion:** IF SWALLOWED: rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting.

### Section 5 Firefighting Procedures

**Extinguishing Media:** Use media suitable to extinguish surrounding fire.  
**Fire Fighting Methods and Protection:** Firefighters should wear full protective equipment and NIOSH approved self-contained breathing apparatus.  
**Fire and/or Explosion Hazards:** Fire or excessive heat may produce hazardous decomposition products.  
**Hazardous Combustion Products:** Potassium Oxide

### Section 6 Spill or Leak Procedures

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## Steps to Take in Case Material Is Released or Spilled:

Exposure to the spilled material may be severely irritating or toxic. Follow personal protective equipment recommendations found in Section 8 of this SDS. Personal protective equipment needs must be evaluated based on information provided on this sheet and the special circumstances created by the spill including; the material spilled, the quantity of the spill, the area in which the spill occurred, and the expertise of employees in the area responding to the spill. Never exceed any occupational exposure limits. Prevent the spread of any spill to minimize harm to human health and the environment if safe to do so. Wear complete and proper personal protective equipment following the recommendation of Section 8 at a minimum. Dike with suitable absorbent material like granulated clay. Gather and store in a sealed container pending a waste disposal evaluation.

## Section 7 Handling and Storage

**Handling:** Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray. Wash thoroughly after handling. Avoid release to the environment. Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.

**Storage:** Store locked up. Suitable for any general chemical storage.

**Storage Code:** Green - general chemical storage

## Section 8 Protection Information

<u>Chemical Name</u>	<u>ACGIH</u>		<u>OSHA PEL</u>	
	<u>(TWA)</u>	<u>(STEL)</u>	<u>(TWA)</u>	<u>(STEL)</u>
Potassium Hydroxide	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

### Control Parameters

**Engineering Measures:** Local exhaust ventilation or other engineering controls are normally required when handling or using this product to avoid overexposure.

**Personal Protective Equipment (PPE):** Lab coat, apron, eye wash, safety shower.

**Respiratory Protection:** No respiratory protection required under normal conditions of use. Provide general room exhaust ventilation if symptoms of overexposure occur as explained Section 11. A respirator is not normally required.

**Eye Protection:** Wear chemical splash goggles when handling this product. Have an eye wash station available.

**Skin Protection:** Avoid skin contact by wearing chemically resistant gloves, an apron and other protective equipment depending upon conditions of use. Inspect gloves for chemical break-through and replace at regular intervals. Clean protective equipment regularly. Wash hands and other exposed areas with mild soap and water before eating, drinking, and when leaving work.

**Gloves:** No information available

## Section 9 Physical Data

<b>Formula:</b> KOH	<b>Vapor Pressure:</b> No data available
<b>Molecular Weight:</b> 56.10	<b>Evaporation Rate (BuAc=1):</b> No data available
<b>Appearance:</b> Colorless Liquid	<b>Vapor Density (Air=1):</b> No data available
<b>Odor:</b> None	<b>Specific Gravity:</b> >1
<b>Odor Threshold:</b> No data available	<b>Solubility in Water:</b> Soluble
<b>pH:</b> 13.5	<b>Log Pow (calculated):</b> No data available
<b>Melting Point:</b> No data available	<b>Autoignition Temperature:</b> No data available
<b>Boiling Point:</b> No data available	<b>Decomposition Temperature:</b> No data available
<b>Flash Point:</b> No data available	<b>Viscosity:</b> No data available
<b>Flammable Limits in Air:</b> No data available	<b>Percent Volatile by Volume:</b> No data available

## Section 10 Reactivity Data

**Reactivity:** Not generally reactive under normal conditions.

**Chemical Stability:** Stable under normal conditions.

**Conditions to Avoid:** No data available. Exposure to moisture

**Incompatible Materials:** Water-reactive materials, Acids, Halogenated Hydrocarbons, Metals, Maleic Anhydride, Moisture, Water, Peroxides

**Hazardous Decomposition Products:** Potassium Oxide

**Hazardous Polymerization:** Will not occur

## Section 11 Toxicity Data

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**Routes of Entry:** Inhalation and ingestion.  
**Symptoms (Acute):** Diarrhea, Coffee Ground Emesis, Vomiting, Respiratory Irritation  
**Delayed Effects:** No data available

Acute Toxicity: Chemical Name	CAS Number	Oral LD50	Dermal LD50	Inhalation LC50
Water	7732-18-5	Oral LD50 Rat 90000 mg/kg		
Potassium Hydroxide	1310-58-3	Oral LD50 Rat 273 mg/kg		

Carcinogenicity: Chemical Name	CAS Number	IARC	NTP	OSHA
Potassium Hydroxide	1310-58-3	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed

**Chronic Effects:**  
**Mutagenicity:** No evidence of a mutagenic effect.  
**Teratogenicity:** No evidence of a teratogenic effect (birth defect).  
**Sensitization:** No evidence of a sensitization effect.  
**Reproductive:** No evidence of negative reproductive effects.  
**Target Organ Effects:**  
**Acute:** No information available  
**Chronic:** No information available

## Section 12 Ecological Data

**Overview:** Slight ecological hazard. In high concentrations, this product may be dangerous to plants and/or wildlife.  
**Mobility:** No data  
**Persistence:** Dissolved into water  
**Bioaccumulation:** No data  
**Degradability:** No data  
**Other Adverse Effects:** No data

Chemical Name	CAS Number	Eco Toxicity
Water	7732-18-5	No data available
Potassium Hydroxide	1310-58-3	96 HR LC50 GAMBUSIA AFFINIS 80 MG/L [STATIC]

## Section 13 Disposal Information

**Disposal Methods:** Dispose in accordance with all applicable Federal, State and Local regulations. Always contact a permitted waste disposer (TSD) to assure compliance.  
**Waste Disposal Code(s):** If discarded, this product is considered a RCRA corrosive waste, D002.

## Section 14 Transport Information

**Ground - DOT Proper Shipping Name:** Not regulated for transport by US DOT.  
**Air - IATA Proper Shipping Name:** Not regulated for air transport by IATA.

## Section 15 Regulatory Information

**TSCA Status:** All components in this product are on the TSCA Inventory.

Chemical Name	CAS Number	§ 313 Name	§ 304 RQ	CERCLA RQ	§ 302 TPQ	CAA 112(2) TQ
Potassium Hydroxide	1310-58-3	No	1000 lb RQ	1000 lb final RQ (454 kg)	No	No

## Section 16 Additional Information

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## Glossary

ACGIH	American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists	NTP	National Toxicology Program
CAS	Chemical Abstract Service Number	OSHA	Occupational Safety and Health Administration
CERCLA	Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act	PEL	Permissible Exposure Limit
DOT	U.S. Department of Transportation	ppm	Parts per million
IARC	International Agency for Research on Cancer	RCRA	Resource Conservation and Recovery Act
N/A	Not Available	SARA	Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act
		TLV	Threshold Limit Value
		TSCA	Toxic Substances Control Act
		IDLH	Immediately dangerous to life and health