

# FLINN SCIENTIFIC, INC.

## Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS)

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### SECTION 1 — CHEMICAL PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

#### Potassium Hydroxide Solution 1M - 3M

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CHEMTREC Emergency Phone Number: (800) 424-9300

### SECTION 2 — COMPOSITION, INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Potassium hydroxide solution (1310-58-3) 6-17% and Water (7732-18-5) 83-94%.

Concentration: 1 to 3 molar solutions

CAS#: None established

### SECTION 3 — HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

Clear, colorless basic aqueous solution. Odorless.

Corrosive to body tissues. Avoid all body tissue contact. Moderately toxic by ingestion.

#### FLINN AT-A-GLANCE

Health-2

Flammability-0

Reactivity-1

Exposure-2

Storage-0

0 is low hazard, 3 is high hazard

### SECTION 4 — FIRST AID MEASURES

Call a physician and seek medical attention for further treatment, observation, and support after first aid.

Inhalation: Remove to fresh air at once. If breathing has stopped, give artificial respiration immediately.

Eye or External: Immediately flush with fresh water for at least 15 minutes.

Internal: Do NOT induce vomiting. Rinse mouth. Give large quantities of water for dilution. Call a physician or poison control at once.

### SECTION 5 — FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

Nonflammable liquid.

When heated to decomposition, emits toxic fumes of  $K_2O$ .

**Fire Fighting Instructions:** Use triclass, dry chemical fire extinguisher. Firefighters should wear PPE and SCBA with full facepiece operated in positive mode.

#### NFPA CODE

H-3

F-0

R-1

### SECTION 6 — ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Restrict unprotected personnel from area and ventilate area. Contain spill with sand or absorbent material; neutralize with citric acid, and deposit in sealed bag or container. See Sections 8 and 13 for further information.

### SECTION 7 — HANDLING AND STORAGE

Flinn Suggested Chemical Storage Pattern: Inorganic #4. Store with hydroxides, oxides, silicates and carbonates.

### SECTION 8 — EXPOSURE CONTROLS, PERSONAL PROTECTION

Avoid contact with eyes, skin, and clothing. Wear chemical splash goggles, chemical-resistant gloves, and chemical-resistant apron.

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**SECTION 9 — PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES**

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Colorless, odorless liquid.  
Concentrations: 1 to 3 Molar

pH: basic

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**SECTION 10 — STABILITY AND REACTIVITY**

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Shelf life: Good, if stored properly

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**SECTION 11 — TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

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Acute effects: Corrosive  
Chronic effects: N.A.  
Target organs: N.A.

ORL-RAT LD<sub>50</sub>: 273 mg/kg as potassium hydroxide  
IHL-RAT LC<sub>50</sub>: N.A.  
SKN-RBT LD<sub>50</sub>: N.A.

N.A. = Not available, not all health aspects of this substance have been fully investigated.

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**SECTION 12 — ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

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Data not yet available.

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**SECTION 13 — DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS**

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Please review all federal, state and local regulations that may apply, before proceeding.  
Flinn Suggested Disposal Method #10 is one option.

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**SECTION 14 — TRANSPORT INFORMATION**

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Shipping name: Potassium Hydroxide, solution  
Hazard class: 8, Corrosive  
UN number: UN1814  
N/A = Not applicable

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**SECTION 15 — REGULATORY INFORMATION**

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Not listed.

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**SECTION 16 — OTHER INFORMATION**

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