

**Section 1: Identification of the substance/mixture and of the company/undertaking****1.1. Product identifier**

**Product name:** SODIUM HYDROXIDE  
**CAS number:** 1310-73-2  
**EINECS number:** 215-185-5  
**Index number:** 011-002-00-6  
**Product code:** L19264  
**Synonyms:** CAUSTIC SODA

**1.2. Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against**

**Use of substance / mixture:** PC21: Laboratory chemicals.

**1.3. Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet**

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**1.4. Emergency telephone number**

**Emergency tel:** +44 (0) 845 1200 506

**Section 2: Hazards identification****2.1. Classification of the substance or mixture**

**Classification under CLP:** Skin Corr. 1A: H314

**Classification under CHIP:** C: R35

**Most important adverse effects:** Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.

**2.2. Label elements**

**Label elements under CLP:**

**Hazard statements:** H314: Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.

**Signal words:** Danger

**Hazard pictograms:** GHS05: Corrosion



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**Precautionary statements:** P260: Do not breathe dust.  
P301+330+331: IF SWALLOWED: rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting.  
P303+361+353: IF ON SKIN (or hair): Remove immediately all contaminated clothing.  
Rinse skin with water/shower.  
P405: Store locked up.  
P501: Dispose of contents/container to hazardous or special waste collection point.

### 2.3. Other hazards

## Section 3: Composition/information on ingredients

### 3.1. Substances

**Chemical identity:** SODIUM HYDROXIDE

## Section 4: First aid measures

### 4.1. Description of first aid measures

- Skin contact:** Remove all contaminated clothes and footwear immediately unless stuck to skin. Drench the affected skin with running water for 10 minutes or longer if substance is still on skin. Transfer to hospital if there are burns or symptoms of poisoning.
- Eye contact:** Bathe the eye with running water for 15 minutes. Transfer to hospital for specialist examination.
- Ingestion:** Wash out mouth with water. Do not induce vomiting. Give 1 cup of water to drink every 10 minutes. If unconscious, check for breathing and apply artificial respiration if necessary. If unconscious and breathing is OK, place in the recovery position. Transfer to hospital as soon as possible.
- Inhalation:** Remove casualty from exposure ensuring one's own safety whilst doing so. If unconscious and breathing is OK, place in the recovery position. If conscious, ensure the casualty sits or lies down. If breathing becomes bubbly, have the casualty sit and provide oxygen if available. Transfer to hospital as soon as possible.

### 4.2. Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

- Skin contact:** Blistering may occur. Progressive ulceration will occur if treatment is not immediate.
- Eye contact:** Corneal burns may occur. May cause permanent damage.
- Ingestion:** Corrosive burns may appear around the lips.
- Inhalation:** There may be shortness of breath with a burning sensation in the throat. Exposure may cause coughing or wheezing.

**Delayed / immediate effects:** Delayed effects can be expected after short-term exposure.

### 4.3. Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

**Immediate / special treatment:** Eye bathing equipment should be available on the premises.

## Section 5: Fire-fighting measures

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## 5.1. Extinguishing media

**Extinguishing media:** Suitable extinguishing media for the surrounding fire should be used. Use water spray to cool containers.

## 5.2. Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

**Exposure hazards:** Corrosive. In combustion emits toxic fumes of carbon dioxide / carbon monoxide.

## 5.3. Advice for fire-fighters

**Advice for fire-fighters:** Wear self-contained breathing apparatus. Wear protective clothing to prevent contact with skin and eyes.

## Section 6: Accidental release measures

### 6.1. Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

**Personal precautions:** Notify the police and fire brigade immediately. If outside keep bystanders upwind and away from danger point. Mark out the contaminated area with signs and prevent access to unauthorised personnel. Do not attempt to take action without suitable protective clothing - see section 8 of SDS. Do not create dust.

### 6.2. Environmental precautions

**Environmental precautions:** Do not discharge into drains or rivers.

### 6.3. Methods and material for containment and cleaning up

**Clean-up procedures:** Clean-up should be dealt with only by qualified personnel familiar with the specific substance. Transfer to a closable, labelled salvage container for disposal by an appropriate method.

### 6.4. Reference to other sections

**Reference to other sections:** Refer to section 8 of SDS. Refer to section 13 of SDS.

## Section 7: Handling and storage

### 7.1. Precautions for safe handling

**Handling requirements:** Avoid direct contact with the substance. Ensure there is sufficient ventilation of the area. Do not handle in a confined space. Avoid the formation or spread of dust in the air.

### 7.2. Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

**Storage conditions:** Store in cool, well ventilated area. Keep container tightly closed. Avoid contact with water or humidity.

**Suitable packaging:** Must only be kept in original packaging. Do not use aluminium containers.

### 7.3. Specific end use(s)

**Specific end use(s):** No data available.

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## Section 8: Exposure controls/personal protection

### 8.1. Control parameters

#### Workplace exposure limits:

#### Respirable dust

State	8 hour TWA	15 min. STEL	8 hour TWA	15 min. STEL
UK	-	2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	-	-

### 8.1. DNEL/PNEC Values

DNEL / PNEC No data available.

### 8.2. Exposure controls

**Engineering measures:** Ensure there is sufficient ventilation of the area.

**Respiratory protection:** Not required under normal use with small quantities. Gas/vapour filter, type B: inorganic vapours excl. CO (EN141). Half face filtering respirator (EN140).

**Hand protection:** Protective gloves. Gloves (alkali-resistant).

**Eye protection:** Tightly fitting safety goggles. Ensure eye bath is to hand.

**Skin protection:** Protective clothing. Acid-resistant protective clothing.

**Environmental:** No special requirement.

## Section 9: Physical and chemical properties

### 9.1. Information on basic physical and chemical properties

**State:** Solid

**Colour:** White

**Odour:** Odourless

**Oxidising:** Non-oxidising (by EC criteria)

**Solubility in water:** Highly soluble

**Also soluble in:** Ethanol. Methanol.

**Flash point°C:** N/A

### 9.2. Other information

**Other information:** No data available.

## Section 10: Stability and reactivity

### 10.1. Reactivity

**Reactivity:** Stable under recommended transport or storage conditions.

### 10.2. Chemical stability

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

### 10.3. Possibility of hazardous reactions

**Hazardous reactions:** Hazardous reactions will not occur under normal transport or storage conditions.  
Decomposition may occur on exposure to conditions or materials listed below.

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## 10.4. Conditions to avoid

**Conditions to avoid:** Heat. Moist air. Humidity.

## 10.5. Incompatible materials

**Materials to avoid:** Strong oxidising agents. Strong acids. Finely powdered metals. Aluminium.

## 10.6. Hazardous decomposition products

**Haz. decomp. products:** In combustion emits toxic fumes.

## Section 11: Toxicological information

### 11.1. Information on toxicological effects

#### Toxicity values:

Route	Species	Test	Value	Units
IPR	MUS	LD50	40	mg/kg
ORL	RBT	LDLO	500	mg/kg

#### Relevant hazards for substance:

Hazard	Route	Basis
Skin corrosion/irritation	DRM	Based on test data
Serious eye damage/irritation	OPT	Based on test data

### Symptoms / routes of exposure

**Skin contact:** Blistering may occur. Progressive ulceration will occur if treatment is not immediate.

**Eye contact:** Corneal burns may occur. May cause permanent damage.

**Ingestion:** Corrosive burns may appear around the lips.

**Inhalation:** There may be shortness of breath with a burning sensation in the throat. Exposure may cause coughing or wheezing.

**Delayed / immediate effects:** Delayed effects can be expected after short-term exposure.

## Section 12: Ecological information

### 12.1. Toxicity

**Ecotoxicity values:** No data available.

### 12.2. Persistence and degradability

**Persistence and degradability:** Biodegradable.

### 12.3. Bioaccumulative potential

**Bioaccumulative potential:** No bioaccumulation potential.

### 12.4. Mobility in soil

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## 12.5. Results of PBT and vPvB assessment

**PBT identification:** This product is not identified as a PBT substance.

## 12.6. Other adverse effects

**Other adverse effects:** Negligible ecotoxicity.

## Section 13: Disposal considerations

### 13.1. Waste treatment methods

**Disposal operations:** Transfer to a suitable container and arrange for collection by specialised disposal company.

**Disposal of packaging:** Clean with water.

**NB:** The user's attention is drawn to the possible existence of regional or national regulations regarding disposal.

## Section 14: Transport information

### 14.1. UN number

**UN number:** UN1823

### 14.2. UN proper shipping name

**Shipping name:** SODIUM HYDROXIDE, SOLID

### 14.3. Transport hazard class(es)

**Transport class:** 8

### 14.4. Packing group

**Packing group:** II

### 14.5. Environmental hazards

**Environmentally hazardous:** No

**Marine pollutant:** No

### 14.6. Special precautions for user

**Special precautions:** No special precautions.

**Tunnel code:** E

**Transport category:** 2

## Section 15: Regulatory information

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

**Specific regulations:** Not applicable.

### 15.2. Chemical Safety Assessment

**Chemical safety assessment:** A chemical safety assessment has not been carried out for the substance or the mixture by the supplier.

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**Section 16: Other information**

**Other information**

**Other information:** This safety data sheet is prepared in accordance with Commission Regulation (EU) No 453/2010.

**Phrases used in s.2 and 3:** H314: Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.  
R35: Causes severe burns.

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