

Material Safety Data Sheets: MSDSs

University of Melbourne EHS Manual: Procedure for Material Safety Data Sheets

A Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) is an information sheet which provides basic information about the safe use of a substance; its properties and uses, health effects, precautions for use, safe handling and disposal, emergency procedures, spill control and other environmental aspects etc. The information in a MSDS helps users of substances to develop correct occupational hygiene, safety and environmental procedures and to exercise the desired degree of care. NB: MSDSs must be updated by the manufacturer or supplier every 5 years. Check the date on any MSDS obtained from any source to ensure it is valid.

The following links provide MSDSs (you may have to register). Please bookmark these on your work area computers.

ChemWatch <http://www.pb.unimelb.edu.au/ehs/ehs/chemwatch/> login from any Unimelb IP address

Chemistry Store MSDS Database <http://safety.chemistry.unimelb.edu.au/MSDS.php>

If no MSDS is available from these sources then contact the chemical manufacturer or supplier.