

# What is an MSDS?

A Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) is a document that relates to the specific hazardous substance(s) present in each product. It helps you to identify, assess and control risks associated with the use of the substance in your workplace.

The MSDS must be written in English and must include:

- product name
- a statement that the substance is a hazardous substance.
- any relevant health-hazard information (health effects from exposure to the substance)
- information concerning precautions to be followed in relation to its safe use and handling
- its recommended uses
- the chemical and physical properties of the hazardous substance
- information relating to each of its ingredients
- information regarding first aid, spills and disposal
- date of preparation or review of the MSDS
- manufacturer or importer details, including Australian address and contact numbers where further information and advice can be obtained.

## [Example MSDS](#)

In some cases manufacturers will prepare information on safe use of a product in the format of a MSDS, even where the product does not contain any hazardous substance. However, *if the product does contain a hazardous substance then this must be clearly stated in the MSDS.*