

Materials Safety Data Sheets (MSDS)

MSDS contain chemical hazard information about substances with which you work. It is the law that laboratory workers have access to MSDS on materials with which they work. This is very important information, because it can help you to decide upon safe and prudent methods to handle, work with, and dispose of these materials.

In order to have the most timely information available for MSDS, it is best to use the on-line capabilities of the World Wide Web. Thousands of MSDS are available by this route. All laboratory workers should consult MSDS and their appropriate laboratory directors when they have questions about hazards or appropriate work protocols for working with unfamiliar compounds and solvents.

MSDS data can be accessed from the following URLs

<http://www.ehs.umass.edu/>
<http://www.chem.umass.edu/Safety/index.htm>

The EHS WWW site has a front-page link directly to MSDS databases. From the chemistry page, simply click the “Important Safety Sites for the University” link to reach a variety of safety related information, including links to MSDS databases. *If you are uncertain about how to use the WWW it is your responsibility to make the appropriate arrangements to learn.*

This notice must be prominently posted in all laboratories using chemicals.