

# Why do we want a student to "consult an SDS"?

- We want students to recognize the hazards of the chemicals they will be working with
- We want to engage students in all aspects of research
- The SDS is a recognized source of information organized specifically to alert the user about specific hazards
  - As the instructor or PI, have you looked at the SDS for the chemical?





These Fact Sheets summarize key requirements of WE Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS) for C

## Safety Data Sho

Safety Data Sheets (SDSs) are an essential componen protect themselves from hazards and for safe handling

	SDS Section		Supplier's details (including name, address, phone number, etc.).     Emergency phone number.			
1	Identification	Product identifier, recon	Hazards identification     GHS classification of the substance/mixture and any national or regional information.			
2	Hazard identification	Classification (hazard da precautionary statement	<ul> <li>GHS label elements, including precautionary statements. (Hazard symbols may be provided as a graphical reproduction of the symbols in black and white or the name of the symbol, e.g., flame, skull and crossbones.)</li> </ul>			
3	Composition/information on ingredients	For a hazardous product stabilizing solvents and a For a hazardous product No. and concentration. Note: Confidential Busin	- Other hazards which do not result in classification (e.g., dust explosion hazard) or are not covered by the GHS.  3. Composition/information on ingredients which are the control of th			
4	First-aid measures	First-aid measures by ro	an ingrecients written are instantially within the meaning or the aris and are present above their cutoff levels. NOTE: For information on ingredients, the competent authority rules for CBI take priority over the rules for product identification.			
5	Fire-fighting measures	Suitable (and unsuitable	4. First aid measures			
6	Accidental release measures	Protective equipment, er	Description of necessary measures, subdivided according to the different routes of exposure, i.e., inhalation, skin and eye contact, and ingestion.      Most important symptoms/effects, acute and delayed.     Indication of immediate medical attention and special treatment			
7	Handling and storage	Precautions for safe han	needed, if necessary.			
8	Exposure controls/ personal protection	Exposure limits, engineering	ng controls, personal protective equipment.			
9	Physical and chemical properties	Appearance, odour, odour threshold, pH, melting/freezing point, boiling point and range, flash poil flammable or explosive limits.				
10	Stability and reactivity	Reactivity, chemical stability, possible hazardous reactions, conditions to avoid, incompatible mate decomposition products.				
11	Toxicological information	Description of various toxic effects by route of entry, including effects of acute or chronic exposur reproductive effects, respiratory sensitization.				
12	Ecological information*	Aquatic and terrestrial toxicity (if available), persistence and degradability, bioaccumulative potenti				
13	Disposal considerations*	Safe handling and methods of disposal, including contaminated packaging.				
14	Transport information*	UN number and proper shipping name, hazard classes, packing group.				
		Safety, health and environmental regulations specific to the product.				
15	Regulatory information*	Safety, health and environs	nental regulations specific to the product.			

The SDSs must be accurate at the time of sale or import, for each sale or import. SDSs must be updated when significant new data become available. Suppliers must provide this new information at the time of sale.

\* Sections 12 to 15 require the headings to be present. The supplier has the option to not provide information in

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## **GLOBALLY HARMONIZED SYSTEM (GHS)**

Right To Understand - Safety Data Sheets (SDS)



1. Identification of the substance or mixture and of the supplier nmended use of the chemical and restrictions on use.

## **SAFETY DATA SHEETS**

The Globally Harmonized System Safety Data Sheet (SDS) has 2 basic differences compared to the traditional MSDS. The SDS requires 16 elements and each element must be in a specified order as listed

## Benefits of (Material) Safety Data Sheets (SDS) include:

- Complete information to support chemical management programs
- · Information about hazards to obtain guidance on safety precautions Allows the employer to develop worker protection procedures including
- employee training and environmental protection Provides a source of information for other key audiences including transporters
- of dangerous goods, emergency responders, poison centers and others

- Specific hazards arising from the chemical (e.g., nature of any hazardous combustion products).
   Special protective equipment and precautions for firefighters.

7. Handling and storage

• Precautions for safe handling.

• Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities.

## 8. Exposure controls/personal protection.

- Exposure controls/personal protection.
   Control parameters, e.g., occupational exposure limit values or biological limit values.
   Appropriate engineering controls.
   Individual protection measures, such as personal protective equipment.

- Physical and chemical properties
   Appearance (physical state, color, etc.).

## 11. Toxicological information

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  Consise but complete and comprehensible description of the various toxicological (health) effects and the available data used to identify those effects, including:

  Information on the likely routes of exposure (inhalation, ingestion,
- skin and eye contact);
   Symptoms related to the physical, chemical and toxicological
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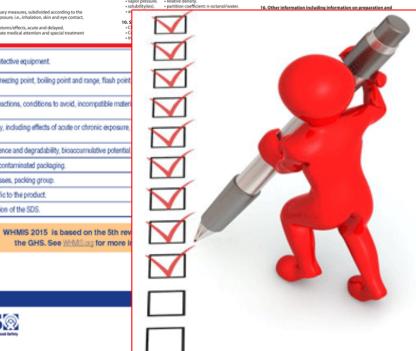
- Ecotoxicity (aquatic and terrestrial, where available).
   Persistence and degradability.
   Mobility in soil
   Other adverse effects.

Disposal considerations
 Description of waste residues and information on their safe handling and methods of disposal, including the disposal of any contaminated packaging

## 14. Transport information

- Insuport Information
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   Insuport Hazard classics). Packing group, if applicable.
   Martine pollutant (Parko).
   Special precautions which a user needs to be aware of or needs to comply with in connection with transport or conveyance either within or outside their premises.

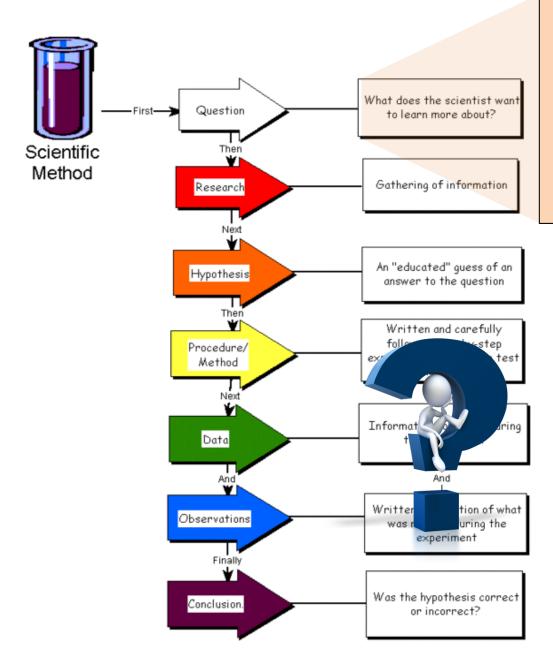
## 15. Regulatory information Colons handle and environmental regulations specific for the product in question



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All SDSs are required to be in a uniform form information below. The information of greats information below. The information of greats 5DB, including information on chemical com-that addresses topics such as the physical a it is the responsibility of the employee recei-ary other employees who will be handling the or conflicts with company policy, consult the and should be followed precisely.



Will the chemicals I need to use in this experiment present hazard(s) for me?



"How do you know when your students are learning?"

"When they are asking the right questions."

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# Will Consulting a Tool Protect a Student When Working with a Chemical?



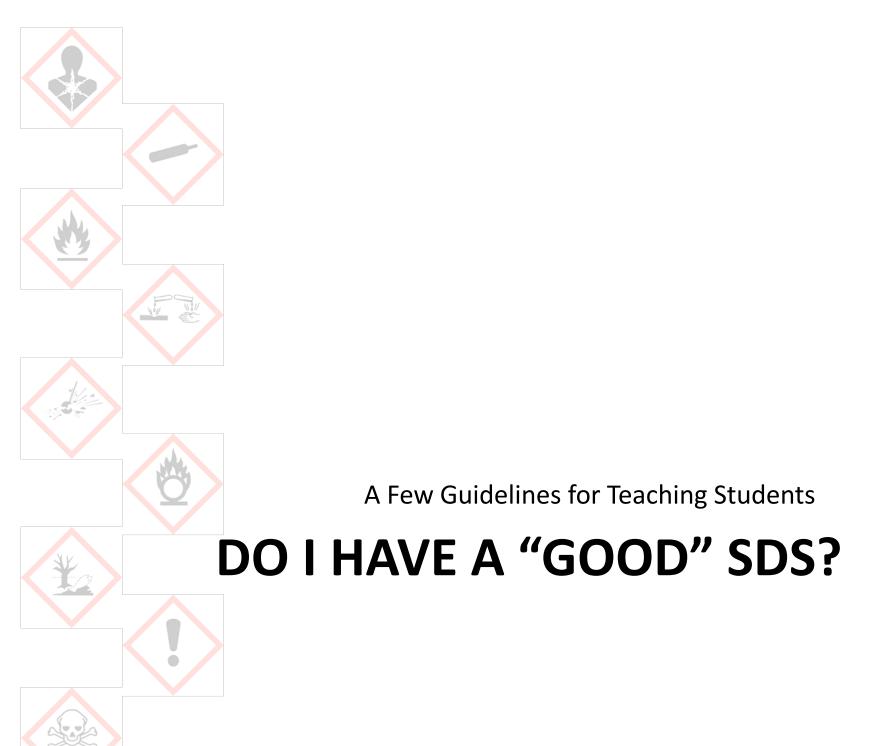
- Do I have a "good" SDS?
- Do I know what to look for on an SDS?
- Can I recognize incorrect or incomplete information on the SDS?
- Will I do the assignment?
- Do I know when to ask for help?

...but will an authoritarian assignment will not protect students who do not have the knowledge and/or skill to work through the previous questions?



Include an SDS assignment as an educational tool – this can increase knowledge and skill and improve culture

This can start in teaching labs, but should definitely be pursued in the research lab



# Be Suspicious of Documents with Missing Information



## Hazard Communication Standard: Safety Data She

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for handling, storing, and transporting the chemical. The information contained in the SDS must be in English (although it may be in other languages as well). In addition, OSHA requires that SDS preparers provide specific minimum information as detailed in Appendix D of 29 CFR 1910.1200. The SDS preparers may also include additional information in various section(s).

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Sections 1 through 8 contain general information about the chemical, identification, hazards, composition, safe handling practices, and emergency control measures (e.g., fire fighting). This information should be helpful to those that need to get the information quickly. Sections 9 through 11 and 16 contain other technical and scientific information, such as physical and chemical properties, stability and reactivity information, toxicological information, exposure control information, and other information including the date of preparation or last revision. The SDS must also state that no applicable information was found when the preparer does not find relevant information for any required element.

# OSHA Does Not Regulate Non-Mandatory Sections

- The SDS must also contain Sections 12 through 15, to be consistent with the **UN Globally Harmonized System of Classification** and Labeling of Chemicals (GHS), but OSHA will not enforce the content of these sections because they concern matters handled by other agencies.
- Section 12:
  - Ecological Information
- Section 13:
  - Disposal Considerations
- Section 14:
  - Transport Information
- Section 15:
  - Regulatory Information

OSHA Brief

# "N/A" Means What?

# What does "not available" or "not applicable" mean when I see these on the SDS?

With the exception of Sections 12-15, the supplier is required to provide information on each specific information element required on the SDS. In some cases, it may be appropriate for the supplier to state "not available" or "not applicable" instead of providing the specific information.

- "Not available" means that the information could not be located or does not exist. For example, if the supplier cannot locate any studies that measure the odour threshold, which is reported in Section 9 of the SDS, the supplier would report "not available".
- "Not applicable" means that the information element is not relevant. For example, if the product is odourless, then the odour threshold would be reported as "Not applicable".

Note that the supplier should not use the abbreviation "n.a." or "NA" without defining it, as it could mean "not applicable" or "not available" or something entirely different.

https://www.ccohs.ca/oshanswers/chemicals/whmis\_ghs/sds.html

# "No Data Available" Or "Not Applicable"

They could simply mean that the preparer did not locate the data



## DOES NOT = SAFE



# Look For More Useful Terms

## E CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

## Control Parameters

	ACGIH® TLV®		OSHA PEL		AIHA® WEEL®	
Chemical Name	TWA	STEL [C]	TWA	Ceiling	8-hr TWA	Short-term TWA [C]
Acetone	250 ppm A4	500 ppm	1000 ppm		Not established	
Diethylene glycol monoethyl ether	Not established		Not established		25 ppm	
Terpene	Not established		Not established		30 ppm	
Naphtha (petroleum), hydrotreated heavy	Not established		Not established		Not established	

Consult local authorities for provincial or state exposure limits.

ACGIH® = American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists. TLV® = Threshold Limit Value. TWA = Time-Weighted Average. STEL = Short-term Exposure Limit. A4 = Not classifiable as a human carcinogen. OSHA = US Occupational Safety and Health Administration. PEL = Permissible Exposure Limits.





# **Spot Check General Information**

- Make sure that you have the SDS of your chemical in GHS format – Preferably with the hazard codes and categories
- Make sure your use is as intended by the manufacturer or supplier as listed on the SDS in Section 1
- Check Section 2 for any known signs or symptoms
- Check Section 3 to see which components are hazardous
- Check Section 8 for a glove material recommendation
- Check Section 9 to see if an "Odor Threshold" has been established. Not always reliable – but if you are smelling something, you know you are being exposed
  - Is it lower than the OELs? What is an OEL?



## RED ALERT

 Chemicals which have these pictograms have significant hazard and may require more than an SDS look







So check the category and be especially concerned when the chemical is in category 1

 Chemicals with a "DANGER" signal word — check to see which hazard(s) triggered the signal word when there are multiple pictograms

http://www.sigmaaldrich.com/safety-center/globally-harmonized.html



## **RED ALERT**

- Look at the toxicological data in Section 11
  - This is the information that manufacturers used to classify the chemical for GHS in "Acute Toxicity" category
  - Terms you need to understand here "LD" and "LC"
  - What animal was tested?
  - What was the Route of Entry (ROE)
  - The *form* of the chemical?
  - Refer to the slide on "Reliable Information"

Table 3.8 Acute Toxicity

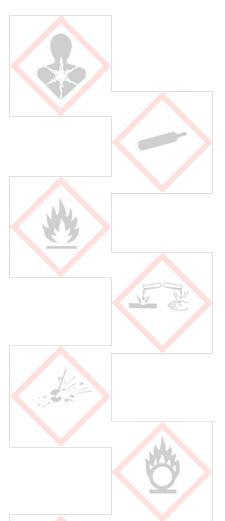
Acute toxicity	Cat. 1	Cat. 2	Cat. 3	Cat. 4	Category 5	
Oral (mg/kg)	≤5	> 5 ≤ 50	> 50 ≤ 300	> 300 ≤ 2000	Criteria:  • Anticipated oral  LD50 between 2000	
Dermal (mg/kg)	≤ 50	> 50 ≤ 200	> 200 ≤ 1000	> 1000 ≤ 2000	and 5000 mg/kg; • Indication of significant effect in	
Gases (ppm)	≤ 100	> 100 ≤ 500	> 500 ≤ 2500	> 2500 ≤ 5000	humans;*  • Any mortality at class 4;*	
Vapors (mg/l)	≤ 0.5	> 0.5 ≤ 2.0	> 2.0 ≤ 10	> 10 ≤ 20	Significant clinical signs at class 4;*     Indications from	
Dust & mists (mg/l)	≤ 0.05	> 0.05 ≤ 0.5	> 0.5 ≤ 1.0	> 1.0 ≤5	other studies.* *If assignment to a more hazardous class is not warranted.	

General Guidance: The lower the lethal dose number within the each row, the more acutely toxic the substance

## RED ALERT

- What exposure data is available for the chemical?
  - Check Section 8. So many acronyms (PEL, TLV, STEL, IDLH)! Refer to the slide on "Reliable Information"
  - Look at the occupational exposure data Why are units different? The units of this data depend on the form of the chemical
    - For substances that are gas and vapor at normal T & P, ppm for other forms, mg/m<sup>3</sup>
    - Need to convert? Try the converter at NIOSH
    - Need a better explanation? Try <u>CCOSH</u>
  - General guidance on OELs the lower the number, the more important it is to ensure that your ventilation is appropriate and sufficient





A Few Guidelines for Teaching Students

# CAN I RECOGNIZE INCORRECT OR INCOMPLETE INFORMATION ON THE SDS?

# Practice! Compare documents – Start with a Familiar Chemical



## **Nitric Acid**

CAS 7697-37-2

5% Acetic Acid

CAS 8028-52-2



## 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

- 10.1 Reactivity

  No data available
- 10.2 Chemical stability Stable under recommended storage conditions.

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10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions

No data available

10.4 Conditions to avoid

No data available

- 10.5 Incompatible materials Alkali metals, Acetic anhydride, Organic materials, Alcohols, Acetonitrile, Acrylonitrile
- 10.6 Hazardous decomposition products

Hazardous decomposition products formed under fire conditions. - Nitrogen oxides (NOx) Other decomposition products - No data available In the event of fire: see section 5

**Reactivity:** Nitric acid is a strong oxidizer. It attacks many metals producing extremely flammable hydrogen gas which can form explosive mixtures with air. Reactive or incompatible with alkalis and metals. Violent reactions possible with combustible materials, organic solvents, oxidizable substances, alcohols, ketones, aldehydes, acid anhydrides, amines, anilines, nitriles, organic nitro compounds, hydrazine, acetylidenes, metal alloys, metal oxides, alkali metals alkaline earth metals, ammonia, acids, hydrides, halogens, nonmetallic oxides, nitrides, hydrogen peroxide, charcoal, turpene, and many other substances. Attacks some synthetic materials and rubber. Hazardous polymerization will not occur.

**Chemical Stability:** Stable under recommended storage conditions. Decomposes in the presence of air, light or organic matter. Yellow/brown color is due to the release of nitrogen dioxide on exposure to light.

**Possibility of Hazardous Reactions:** Reacts with strong oxidizing agents, strong bases. Avoid excessive heat and sources of ignition. The substance decomposes on burning and may produce irritating fumes.

Conditions to Avoid: Extreme temperatures. Contact with incompatible materials. Light. Moisture. Incompatible Materials: Reacts or is incompatible with over 150 chemical combinations. Refer to NFPA Fire Protection Guide for specifics. Metals, metal powders, reducing agents, strong bases, acetic acid, alcohols, acetone, aniline, hydrogen sulfide, carbides, anhydrides, organic solvents, combustible materials, chromic acid, flammable liquids, cyanides, sulfides. Incompatible with many other substances. DO NOT add water to the acid. ALWAYS add the acid to water while stirring to prevent release of heat, steam, and fumes.

**Hazardous Decomposition Products:** Thermal decomposition products include oxides of nitrogen.

## Nitric Acid



SDS<sub>2</sub>



## SDS<sub>1</sub>

## **Nitric Acid**

# SDS<sub>2</sub>

## 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties

a) Appearance Form: liquid Colour: colourless
b) Odour No data available
c) Odour Threshold No data available

d) pH < 1.0

e) Melting point/freezing No data available

 f) Initial boiling point and boiling range

120.5 °C (248.9 °F) - lit.

g) Flash point No data available
 h) Evaporation rate No data available
 i) Flammability (solid, gas) No data available
 j) Upper/lower No data available

flammability or explosive limits

k) Vapour pressure 49 hPa (37 mmHg) at 50 °C (122 °F)

Vapour density No data available

m) Relative density 1.413 g/cm3 at 20 °C (68 °F)

n) Water solubility No data available o) Partition coefficient: n- No data available

octanol/water

 p) Auto-ignition No data available temperature

 q) Decomposition No data available temperature

r) Viscosity No data available s) Explosive properties No data available t) Oxidizing properties No data available Section 9. Physical and Chemical Properties

Information on Basic Physical and Chemical Properties

Appearance: Clear, colorless to pale yellow or brown liquid

Odor: Acrid, pungent

Odor Threshold: 0.75 - 2.5 ppm

Molecular Weight: 63.01 g/mol (nitric acid)

Chemical Formula: HNO<sub>3</sub> (nitric acid)

**pH:** < 1

Freezing Point, Range: -20 - -31.7°C (-4 - -25°F) Boiling Point, Range: 117 - 120°C (243 - 248°F)

Evaporation Rate: -1 (BuAc = 1)

Flammability (solid, gas): Not applicable

Flash Point: Not applicable

Autoignition Temperature: Not applicable
Decomposition Temperature: 110°C (230°F)
Lower Explosive Limit (LEL): Not applicable
Upper Explosive Limit (UEL): Not applicable
Vapor Pressure: 9 - 10 mm Hq at 25°C (70°F)

Vapor Density: >1 (Air= 1)

**Relative Density:** 1.3551 - 1.4078 g/mL (11.31 - 11.75 lb/gal)

Viscosity: 2.0 - 2.2 cps

Solubility in Water: Complete

Partition Coefficient: n-octonal/water: Log Pow= -2.3

Volatiles by Volume (at 70°F): 100%

## **Section 5 – Firefighting Measures**

## **Nitric Acid**

**Special Hazards arising from the Substance or Mixture:** Closed containers may explode (due to the build-up of pressure) when exposed to extreme heat. During emergency conditions overexposure to decomposition products may cause a health hazard. Hazardous decomposition products include nitrogen oxides, ammonia and amines. Symptoms may not be immediately apparent. Obtain medical attention.

## **Section 6 – Accidental Release**

Methods and Materials for Containment and Cleaning up: Cover drains. Approach the release from upwind. Contain spill. Cover with a large quantity of non-combustible, inert absorbent (e.g. sand, dry earth, vermiculite, diatomaceous earth) and place into approved container for proper disposal. Spilled material may be neutralized with sodium carbonate, sodium bicarbonate or dilute sodium hydroxide. Dispose of via a licensed waste disposal contractor. Contaminated absorbent material may pose the same hazard as the spilt product.

## **Section 8 – Exposure Controls**

**Gloves made of the Following Materials are Suitable:** Butyl rubber, Viton, Neoprene, polyethylene, PVC.

Gloves made of the following Materials are Not Suitable: Natural rubber (latex), nitrile rubber, polyvinyl alcohol (PVA), leather, and textiles.

Can I recognize incorrect or incomplete information on the SDS?

## **Nitric Acid**

## **Section 8 – Exposure Controls**

**Hand Protection:** Wear gloves recommended by glove supplier. Gloves should be impermeable to chemicals and oil. Breakthrough time of selected gloves must be greater than the intended use period.

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Full contact

Material: Fluorinated rubber

Minimum layer thickness: 0.7 mm

Break through time: 480 min

Material tested: Vitoject® (KCL 890 / Aldrich Z677698, Size M)

Splash contact

Material: Nature latex/chloroprene Minimum layer thickness: 0.6 mm

Break through time: 120 min

Material tested:Lapren® (KCL 706 / Aldrich Z677558, Size M)



## 2.2. GHS Label Elements

Pictograms:



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Signal Word: Danger

## **Hazard Statements:**

Hazard Number	Hazard Statement
H315	Causes skin irritation.
H318	Causes serious eye damage.
H334	May cause allergy or asthma symptoms or breathing difficulties if inhaled.
H370	Causes damage to organs.
H373	May cause damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure.

## 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

Classification of the substance or mixture

GHS Classification:

H315 - Skin irritation (Category 2)

H319 - Eye irritation (Category 2A)

GHS Label elements, including hazard and precautionary statements:

SDS 2



## Hazard Statements:

H315 – Causes skin irritation.

H319 - Causes serious eye irritation.

5% Acetic Acid

Warning Signal Word:

## Precautionary Statements:

P280 – Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection. P305 + P351 + P338 - IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.



## 5% Acetic Acid

## SDS<sub>1</sub>

## **SECTION 3: Composition / Information on Ingredients**

## 3.1. Components of Substance or Mixture

Chemical Name	Formula	Molecular Weight	<b>CAS Number</b>	Weight%
Water	H₂O	18.01 g/mol	7732-18-5	94.79%
Acetic Acid	CH <sub>3</sub> COOH	60.05 g/mol	64-19-7	5.21%

## SDS 2

Ingredient	CAS Number	Percent	Hazardous
White Distilled Vinegar	8028-52-2	~100%	No OSHA limit levels established



# Remember SDSs are "Legal" Documents

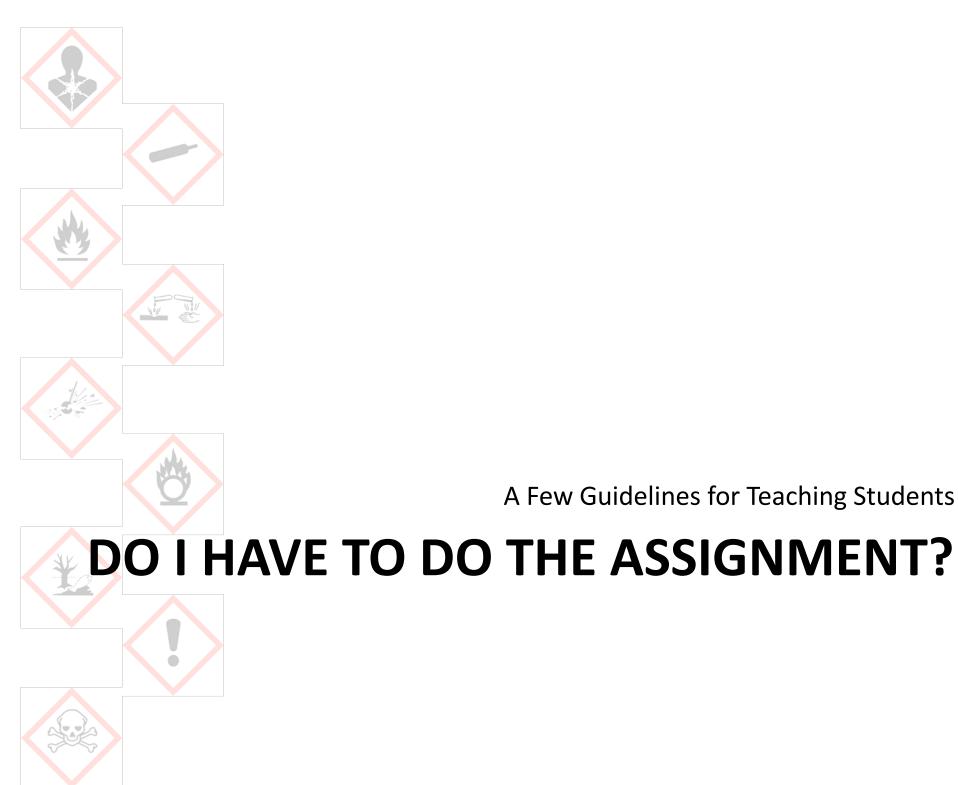


"The above information is believed to be correct but does not purport to be all inclusive and shall be used only as a guide. The information in this document is based on the present state of our knowledge and is applicable to the product with regard to appropriate safety precautions. It does not represent any guarantee of the properties of the product."

## **Find Reliable Information**

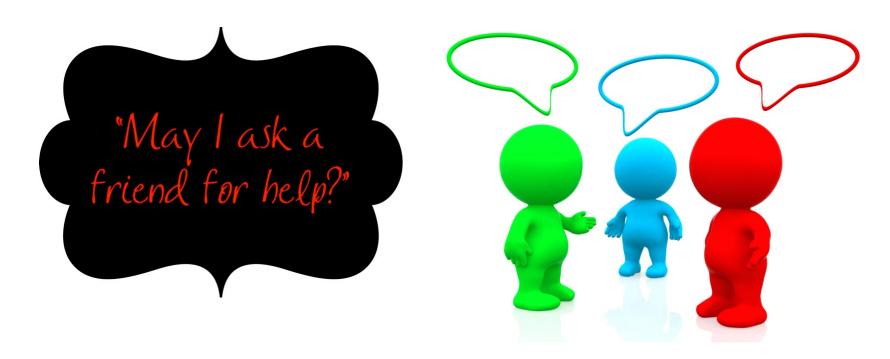
- Look for peer reviewed data NIH
  - ChemIDPlus Advanced
  - PubChem's Laboratory Chemical Safety Summaries (LCSSs) (<u>Search Compounds</u>)
- Concise Information on GHS hazard classes and categories – <u>Sigma Aldrich</u>
- Interactive Learning Paradigms, Incorporated resources for understanding terms on SDSs
  - The MSDS Hyper Glossary
  - The MSDS Demystifier





# **Use Group Assignments**

 Have each person find an SDS for the chemical and then the group can compare quality – Collaborate! (You might even learn something)



# **Grade Assignments**

 Include the SDS assignment on the syllabus in classes and make it a graded component



# **Project Requirement**

 If it is an upper level class lab and there are individual projects, do



not let work begin until the assignment has been completed



# **Lead By Example**

As the instructor or PI, have you looked at the SDS for the chemical?



Be ready when the students have questions because they will value the assignment or effort if you do!



# **Ask Questions!**

Sometimes it comes down to trusting your instinct to recognize when you don't know what you don't know!





How do you know when your students are learning safety?

When they are recognizing what they don't know and then asking & <u>answering</u> the right questions

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# **Questions?**

