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Potassium Carbonate Safety Data Sheet (SDS)

SECTION 1 — CHEMICAL PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

Potassium Carbonate

Signal Word
WARNING

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Chemtrec Emergency Phone Number: (800) 424-10142

Pictograms

SECTION 2 — HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

Hazard class: Acute toxicity, oral (Category 4). Harmful if swallowed (H302). Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product (P270).

Hazard class: Skin and serious eye damage, corrosion or irritation (Category 2, 2A). Causes skin and serious eye irritation (H315+H319).

Hazard class: Specific target organ toxicity, single exposure; Respiratory tract irritation (Category 3). May cause respiratory irritation (H335). Avoid breathing dust or fumes (P261).



SECTION 3 — COMPOSITION, INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Component Name	CAS Number	Formula	Formula Weight	Concentration
Potassium carbonate, anhydrous	584-08-7	K ₂ CO ₃	138.21	
Synonyms: Potash; Carbonic acid, dipotassium salt				

SECTION 4 — FIRST AID MEASURES

If exposed or concerned: Get medical advice or attention (P308+P313).

If inhaled: Remove victim to fresh air in a position comfortable for breathing (P304+P340).

If in eyes: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses if present and easy to do so.

Continue rinsing (P305+P351+P338). **If eye irritation persists eyes:** Get medical advice or attention (P337+P313).

If on skin: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes (P351).

If swallowed: Rinse mouth. Call a POISON CENTER or physician if you feel unwell.

SECTION 5 — FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

Nonflammable solid.

When heated to decomposition, may emit toxic fumes.

In case of fire: Use a tri-class dry chemical fire extinguisher.

NFPA Code

None established

SECTION 6 — ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Sweep up, place in sealed bag or container and dispose. Ventilate area and wash spill site after material pickup is complete. See Sections 8 and 13 for further information.

SECTION 7 — HANDLING AND STORAGE

Flinn Suggested Chemical Storage Pattern: Inorganic #4. Store with hydroxides, oxides, silicates and carbonates. Hygroscopic. Store in a cool, dry place within a Flinn Chem-Saf™ bag. Keep container tightly closed (P233). Use only in a hood or well-ventilated area (P271).

SECTION 8 — EXPOSURE CONTROLS, PERSONAL PROTECTION

Wear protective gloves, protective clothing, and eye protection (P280). Wash hands thoroughly after handling (P264). Use only in a hood or well-ventilated area (P271).

SECTION 9 — PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

White powder. Odorless.	Melting point: 891 °C
Soluble: Water. Insoluble in alcohol.	Specific gravity: 2.29

SECTION 10 — STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Avoid contact with strong oxidizers.
Shelf life: Poor, hygroscopic. See Section 7 for further information.

SECTION 11 — TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Acute effects: Severe irritant	ORL-RAT LD ₅₀ : 1870 mg/kg
Chronic effects: N.A.	IHL-RAT LC ₅₀ : N.A.
Target organs: N.A.	SKN-RBT LD ₅₀ : N.A.

SECTION 12 — ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Data not yet available.

SECTION 13 — DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Please review all federal, state and local regulations that may apply before proceeding.
Flinn Suggested Disposal Method #26a is one option.

SECTION 14 — TRANSPORT INFORMATION

Shipping name: Not regulated. Hazard class: N/A. UN number: N/A

SECTION 15 — REGULATORY INFORMATION

TSCA-listed, EINECS-listed (209-529-3).

SECTION 16 — OTHER INFORMATION

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N.A. = Not available, not all health aspects of this substance have been fully investigated.

N/A = Not applicable

Consult your copy of the Flinn Science Catalog/Reference Manual for additional information about laboratory chemicals.

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