

COSHH Assessment

One assessment per product. Complete from the manufacturer's safety data sheet and how the product is actually used here.

PRODUCT NAME

MANUFACTURER / SUPPLIER

SAFETY DATA SHEET DATED

ASSESSED BY

DATE

REVIEW DATE

Hazard classification

From section 2 of the safety data sheet. Tick all that apply.

- ☐ Corrosive: causes severe skin burns and eye damage
- ☐ Irritant: skin, eye or respiratory irritation
- ☐ Harmful if swallowed, inhaled or in contact with skin
- ☐ Toxic
- ☐ Flammable
- ☐ Oxidising
- ☐ Sensitising: may cause allergy or asthma symptoms
- ☐ Hazardous to the aquatic environment
- ☐ Releases toxic gas on contact with acids (bleach and acidic descalers)
- ☐ Not classified as hazardous

Route of exposure

- ☐ Skin contact
- ☐ Eye contact
- ☐ Inhalation of vapour, mist or spray
- ☐ Ingestion
- ☐ Absorption through the skin

Control measures

Control at source first. PPE is the last line, not the first.

- ☐ Substituted for a less hazardous product where reasonably practicable
- ☐ Supplied ready-diluted or via a dosing system rather than decanted by hand
- ☐ Correct dilution rate specified and trained

- ☐ Never mixed with any other product
- ☐ Adequate ventilation where used
- ☐ Applied by cloth or trigger rather than aerosol spray where mist is a risk
- ☐ Stored locked, upright, in the original labelled container
- ☐ Decanted only into correctly labelled containers, never unlabelled bottles
- ☐ Kept away from food, drink and food preparation areas
- ☐ Safety data sheet accessible on site
- ☐ Staff trained on this specific product and the training recorded

PPE required

- ☐ Chemical-resistant gloves of the type specified in the data sheet
- ☐ Eye protection: goggles or face shield
- ☐ Apron or protective clothing
- ☐ Respiratory protection where specified
- ☐ Non-slip footwear

Emergency procedures

- ☐ Eye contact: irrigate with clean water for at least 15 minutes, seek medical advice
- ☐ Skin contact: remove contaminated clothing, wash with soap and water
- ☐ Inhalation: move to fresh air, seek medical advice if symptoms persist
- ☐ Ingestion: do not induce vomiting, seek immediate medical advice
- ☐ Take the product label or data sheet with the casualty
- ☐ Spill procedure and spill kit location known
- ☐ Disposal route for spilled product and contaminated materials agreed
- ☐ Accident and near-miss reporting route understood

Products assessed on this site

Each product needs its own full assessment sheet. This is the index to them.

PRODUCT	USED FOR	DILUTION	MAIN HAZARD	PPE	ASSESSMENT DATE
<i>Example: acidic washroom descaler</i>	<i>Limescale, toilets and urinals</i>	<i>Per label</i>	<i>Corrosive; toxic gas if mixed with bleach</i>	<i>Gloves, goggles</i>	

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A safety data sheet is not a COSHH assessment. The data sheet describes the product; the assessment describes how your staff use it, here, and what you have done about the risk.

Never mix cleaning products. Bleach mixed with an acidic descaler releases chlorine gas, which is the most common serious chemical incident in the cleaning trade.

COSHH assessments must be reviewed when the product, the process or the data sheet changes, and after any incident.