

“ **Safety Data Sheets are an
integral part of your COSHH risk assessment** ”

Safety Data Sheets (SDS) are required under the REACH (Regulation, Evaluation and Authorisation and restriction of Chemicals) Regulation.

Safety Data Sheets are very important documents in the safe handling and use of chemicals. They help to ensure that those who use chemicals in the workplace do so safely without risk of harm to themselves or the environment.

A Safety Data Sheet contains the information necessary to allow employers to do a risk assessment as required by the Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations (COSHH). The Safety Data Sheet itself is not an assessment. However it will describe the hazards, helping employers assess the probability of those hazards arising in their workplace.

Safety Data Sheets describe the hazards the chemical presents, and give information on handling, storage and emergency measures in case of accident.

Note:

A safety data sheet is not a risk assessment. You should use the information within it to help make your own assessment, which will need to be recorded if you employ five or more people

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