

## SAFETY MOMENT

### December 2024 – Safety Data Sheets



#### What is A Safety Data Sheet?

A Safety Data Sheet (SDS) is a structured document that outlines the important details of a substance or chemical. According to the Work Health and Safety (General) Regulations 2022, Any manufacturer or importer of a hazardous chemical must provide an SDS for that chemical before it is manufactured or imported. A standard SDS contains 16 sections outlining various useful details about the hazardous chemical such as chemical composition, first aid measures and ecological information.

**Other Relevant Information – other than information about the chemical itself, SDS's also contain the manufacturer/importers name and contact details if needed.**

#### How can Safety Data Sheets be Used?

Having access to an SDS can be very useful in many ways and can help to reduce both the hazards present in the workplace and the risks associated with those hazards.

Some of the ways that SDS's can be used include:

- Emergency preparedness – SDS's can be used to inform individuals on the properties and effects of the chemicals present in their workplace which can help to develop an emergency response plan.
- Hazard Identification – The information contained in an SDS can help workers to identify hazards in their workplace more easily.
- Emergency Response – SDS's contain relevant, and often lifesaving first-aid information on how to respond when exposed to a hazardous substance.

#### How to Access a Safety Data Sheet?

All Tasman employees can access Safety Data Sheets through a website/app called "ChemAlert" using these simple steps:

- Step 1: Download ChemAlert or search:  
<https://chemalert.rmt.com.au/tasmanoiltools/login/#/>
- Step 2: Request and enter login details
- Step 3: Type the chemical's exact name in the Chemalert search bar
- Step 4: Download the "Manufacturer SDS" from the Reports/Labels tab