

# MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

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## SECTION 1 Product Identification

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**CHEMICAL NAME:** Potassium carbonate  
**CAS #:** 584-08-7  
**FORMULA:** K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>  
**SYNONYM:** Dipotassium carbonate, Potash

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## SECTION 2 Composition and Information on Ingredients

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INGREDIENT:	CAS #	%	ACGIH (TWA)	OSHA (PEL)
Title Compound	584-08-7	100	no data	no data

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## SECTION 3 Hazards Identification

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**EMERGENCY OVERVIEW:** Harmful if swallowed. Irritating to skin, eyes and respiratory tract.  
**PRIMARY ROUTES OF EXPOSURE:** Ingestion, inhalation  
**EYE CONTACT:** Irritating to eyes. May cause conjunctival edema and corneal destruction.  
**SKIN CONTACT:** Prolonged contact causes severe irritation and redness.  
**INHALATION:** Causes difficulty in breathing and irritate the mucous membranes and respiratory tract.  
**INGESTION:** Harmful if swallowed. Large doses may be corrosive causing abdominal pain, vomiting, diarrhea, and collapse.  
**CHRONIC HEALTH EFFECTS:** No information available on long-term chronic effects.  
**ACUTE HEALTH EFFECTS:** Moderately alkaline material causes moderate to severe irritation at all points of bodily contact

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## SECTION 4 First Aid Measures

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**EYE EXPOSURE:** Immediately flush the eyes with copious amounts of water for at least 15 minutes. Assure flushing under eyelids. A victim may need assistance in keeping their eyelids open. Get immediate competent medical attention.  
**SKIN EXPOSURE:** Wash affected area with water. Remove contaminated clothes if necessary. Seek medical assistance if irritation persists.  
**INHALATION:** Remove the victim to fresh air. Closely monitor the victim for signs of respiratory problems, such as difficulty in breathing, coughing, wheezing, or pain. In such cases seek immediate medical assistance.  
**INGESTION:** Seek medical assistance immediately. Keep the victim calm. Give the victim water (only if conscious). Induce vomiting only if directed by medical personnel.

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## **SECTION 5                      Firefighting Measures**

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**FLASH POINT:** not applicable  
**AUTO IGNITION TEMPERATURE:** none  
**EXPLOSION LIMITS:** none  
**EXTINGUISHING MEDIUM:** none required  
**SPECIAL FIREFIGHTING PROCEDURES:** If involved in a fire, fire fighters should be equipped with a NIOSH approved positive pressure self-contained breathing apparatus and full protective clothing.  
**HAZARDOUS COMBUSTION AND DECOMPOSITION PRODUCTS:** none  
**UNUSUAL FIRE OR EXPLOSION HAZARDS:** No unusual fire or explosion hazards.

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## **SECTION 6                      Accidental Release Measures**

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**SPILL AND LEAK PROCEDURES:** Small spills can be mixed with powdered sodium carbonate or ground limestone and swept up

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## **SECTION 7                      Handling and Storage**

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**HANDLING AND STORAGE:** Store material in a tightly sealed container away from moisture.

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## **SECTION 8                      Exposure Controls and Personal Protection**

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**EYE PROTECTION:** Always wear approved safety glasses w/side shields, or safety goggles, face shield when handling a chemicals substance in the laboratory.  
**SKIN PROTECTION:** Chemical-resistant.  
**VENTILATION:** If possible, handle the material in an efficient fume hood.  
**RESPIRATOR:** If in form of fine dust and ventilation is not available a respirator should be worn. The use of respirators requires a Respirator Protection Program to be in compliance with 29 CFR 19-10.134.

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## **SECTION 9                      Physical and Chemical Properties**

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**COLOR AND FORM:** white powder  
**MOLECULAR WEIGHT:** 138.21  
**MELTING POINT (DEG. C.):** none  
**BOILING POINT:** dec.  
**VAPOR PRESSURE:** no data  
**SPECIFIC GRAVITY:** 2.428  
**SOLUBILITY IN WATER:** 112g/100cc (20°C)

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## **SECTION 10                    Stability and Reactivity**

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**STABILITY:** hygroscopic  
**HAZARDOUS POLYMERIZATION:** no hazardous polymerization  
**CONDITIONS TO AVOID:** strong acids  
**INCOMPATIBILITY:** mineral acids

**DECOMPOSITION PRODUCTS:** none

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## **SECTION 11 Toxicological Information**

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**RTECS DATA:** Oral (rat); LD50: 1870 mg/kg. Inhalation (rat); LC: >500 mg/m<sup>3</sup>. Oral (mouse); LD50: 2570 mg/kg. Oral (wild bird); LD50: 100 mg/kg. Inhalation (rat); TCLo: 43 mg/m<sup>3</sup>/17W. Oral (rat); Unscheduled DNA synthesis: 504 gm/kg/4W (continuous).

**MUTAGENIC EFFECTS:** no data

**TETRATOGENIC EFFECTS:** no data

**CARCINOGENIC EFFECTS:** no data

To the best of our knowledge the toxicological effects of this compound have not been fully investigated.

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## **SECTION 12 Ecological Information**

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**ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION:** No information available

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## **SECTION 13 Disposal Considerations**

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**DISPOSAL:** Dispose of in according to local state and federal regulations.

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## **SECTION 14 Transportation Information**

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## **SECTION 15 Regulatory Information**

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**TSCA:** Listed in the TSCA inventory

**SARA (TITLE 313):** Title compound not listed

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## **SECTION 16 Other Information**

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