

## Barium Hydroxide Safety Data Sheet (SDS)

### SECTION 1 — CHEMICAL PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

#### Barium Hydroxide

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Chemtree Emergency Phone Number: (800) 424-9457

**Signal Word**  
**DANGER**

### SECTION 2 — HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

Hazard class: Acute toxicity, oral and inhalation (Category 4). Harmful if swallowed or inhaled (H302+H332). Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product (P270).

Hazard class: Skin corrosion or irritation (Category 1). Causes severe skin burns and eye damage (H314). Do not breathe dust or fumes (P260).

Pictograms



### SECTION 3 — COMPOSITION, INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Component Name	CAS Number	Formula	Formula Weight	Concentration
Barium hydroxide	12230-71-6	Ba(OH) <sub>2</sub> •8H <sub>2</sub> O	315.5	

### SECTION 4 — FIRST AID MEASURES

Call a POISON CENTER or physician if you feel unwell (P312).

**If inhaled:** Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest 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 on skin or hair:** Immediately remove all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water (P303+P361+P353).

**If swallowed:** Rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting (P301+P330+P331).

### 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

Do not allow solid to become airborne. Ventilate area. Sweep up the spill, place in a sealed bag or container, and dispose. 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.

Store in a cool, dry place. Keep container tightly closed. Store in Flinn Chem-Saf™ bag.

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).

Exposure guidelines: (as barium) PEL/TLV 0.5 mg/m<sup>3</sup> (OSHA/ACGIH)

### SECTION 9 — PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

White, crystalline powder. Odorless.

Soluble: Water and alcohol

Boiling point: 780 °C

Melting point: 78 °C

Specific gravity: 2.2

### SECTION 10 — STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Avoid contact with acids.

Shelf life: Poor, absorbs carbon dioxide from the air. See Section 7 for further information.

### SECTION 11 — TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Acute effects: Highly toxic, corrosive.

Chronic effects: N.A.

Target organs: Heart, kidneys, GI system, bone marrow, spleen, and liver.

ORL-RAT LD<sub>50</sub>: 550 mg/kg

IHL-RAT LC<sub>50</sub>: N.A.

SKN-RBT LD<sub>50</sub>: 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 #27h is one option.

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**SECTION 14 — TRANSPORT INFORMATION**

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Shipping name: Barium compounds, N.O.S. Hazard class: 6.1, Keep away from food. UN number: UN1564.

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**SECTION 15 — REGULATORY INFORMATION**

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TSCA-listed, EINECS-listed (241-234-5), RCRA D002, D005.

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**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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