As UConn Health employees, we all play an important part in creating a safe and healthy working and learning environment. There are many tools to assist us in evaluating and mitigating potential hazards. For instance, Safety Data Sheets (SDS) are important in helping us continue to maintain a safe workplace and protect our environment.

**What is a Safety Data Sheet?**

Safety Data Sheets formerly called Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) are detailed informational documents prepared by the manufacturer or importer of products containing hazardous chemicals.

Safety Data Sheets are required by law as part of OSHA’s Hazard Communications Standard, and they describe:

- What chemicals are in the product
- The specific hazards associated with the chemicals
- How to protect yourself from the hazards

**Where can you find a SDS?**

To access a SDS, search for it either with a general search engine, such as Google, or visit the specific manufacturer’s or SDS service websites listed on the Environmental Health & Safety’s website:

https://ovpr.uchc.edu/services/rics/ehs/chemical-safety/.

EH&S recommends that you maintain a readily accessible copy (electronic and/or printed) version of manufacturer specific SDSs for hazardous materials found in your work area.

For more information or questions about Safety Data Sheets, please speak with your supervisor or contact Environmental Health and Safety at 860-679-2723.