



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. Click below to **watch a brief and informative video on this topic.**

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### 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, either search SDS websites listed on the Environmental Health and Safety website, which you can find by visiting [ovpr.uchc.edu](http://ovpr.uchc.edu) and navigating to "Services". Healthcare staff can access a SDS by visiting [nursing.uchc.edu](http://nursing.uchc.edu). You can also check the specific manufacturer's website or as a last resort, utilize a general search engine such as Google.

OSHA mandates that you maintain a readily accessible copy (electronic and or printed version) of the manufacturer-specific Safety Data Sheets for hazardous materials found in your work area. All staff must be informed of this resource and the content of the SDS reviewed (hazards, required PPE, exposure control, etc.).

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

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