Material Safety Data Sheet
Magnesium Hydroxide

ACC# 13405

Section 1 - Chemical Product and Company Identification

**MSDS Name**: Magnesium Hydroxide  
**Catalog Numbers**: S80064, S93293, M342-500  
**Synonyms**: Magnesia magma; Magnesium Hydrate, Milk of Magnesia.  
**Company Identification**:  
Fisher Scientific  
1 Reagent Lane  
Fair Lawn, NJ 07410  
**For information, call**: 201-796-7100  
**Emergency Number**: 201-796-7100  
**For CHEMTREC assistance, call**: 800-424-9300  
**For International CHEMTREC assistance, call**: 703-527-3887

Section 2 - Composition, Information on Ingredients

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Section 3 - Hazards Identification

**EMERGENCY OVERVIEW**

Appearance: white solid.  
**Warning!** Causes eye, skin, and respiratory tract irritation.  
**Target Organs**: Respiratory system, eyes, skin.

**Potential Health Effects**

**Eye**: Causes eye irritation.  
**Skin**: Causes skin irritation. May be harmful if absorbed through the skin.  
**Ingestion**: May cause gastrointestinal irritation with nausea, vomiting and diarrhea. May be harmful if swallowed. Excessive amounts of magnesium may cause central nervous system depression, respiratory paralysis, and cardiac  
**Inhalation**: Causes respiratory tract irritation. May be harmful if inhaled.  
**Chronic**: Repeated exposure may cause kidney damage and digestive tract abnormalities.

Section 4 - First Aid Measures
Eyes: Immediately flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes, occasionally lifting the upper and lower eyelids. Get medical aid immediately.

Skin: Immediately flush skin with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes while removing contaminated clothing and shoes. Get medical aid if irritation develops or persists.

Ingestion: If victim is conscious and alert, give 2-4 cupfuls of milk or water. Get medical aid immediately.

Inhalation: Remove from exposure and move to fresh air immediately. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Get medical aid if cough or other symptoms appear.

Notes to Physician: Treat symptomatically and supportively.

Antidote: Intravenous calcium chloride (10 to 20 cc of 5% solution, diluted if desirable with isotonic saline) counteracts the toxic actions of magnesium. Also, physostigimine 0.5 to 1.0 mg subcutaneously.

Section 5 - Fire Fighting Measures

General Information: As in any fire, wear a self-contained breathing apparatus in pressure-demand, MSHA/NIOSH (approved or equivalent), and full protective gear.

Extinguishing Media: Substance is noncombustible; use agent most appropriate to extinguish surrounding fire.

Flash Point: Not applicable.

Autoignition Temperature: Not applicable.

Explosion Limits, Lower: Not available.

Upper: Not available.

NFPA Rating: (estimated) Health: 2; Flammability: 0; Instability: 0

Section 6 - Accidental Release Measures

General Information: Use proper personal protective equipment as indicated in Section 8.

Spills/Leaks: Clean up spills immediately, observing precautions in the Protective Equipment section. Wear a self contained breathing apparatus and appropriate personal protection. (See Exposure Controls, Personal Protection section). Sweep up or absorb material, then place into a suitable clean, dry, closed container for disposal. Avoid generating dusty conditions.

Section 7 - Handling and Storage

Handling: Wash thoroughly after handling. Remove contaminated clothing and wash before reuse. Use with adequate ventilation. Minimize dust generation and accumulation. Keep container tightly closed. Do not get on skin or in eyes. Do not ingest or inhale.

Storage: Store in a cool, dry, well-ventilated area away from incompatible substances. Keep containers tightly closed.

Section 8 - Exposure Controls, Personal Protection

Engineering Controls: Local exhaust may be necessary to control concentrations to acceptable levels.
Exposure Limits

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**OSHA Vacated PELs:** MAGNESIUM HYDROXIDE: No OSHA Vacated PELs are listed for this chemical.

**Personal Protective Equipment**

**Eyes:** Wear appropriate protective eyeglasses or chemical safety goggles as described by OSHA's eye and face protection regulations in 29 CFR 1910.133 or European Standard EN166.

**Skin:** Wear appropriate protective gloves to prevent skin exposure.

**Clothing:** Wear appropriate protective clothing to prevent skin exposure.

**Respirators:** Follow the OSHA respirator regulations found in 29 CFR 1910.134 or European Standard EN 149. Use a NIOSH/MSHA or European Standard EN 149 approved respirator if exposure limits are exceeded or if irritation or other symptoms are experienced.

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Section 9 - Physical and Chemical Properties

**Physical State:** Solid

**Appearance:** white

**Odor:** odorless

**pH:** 9.5-10.5 (slurry)

**Vapor Pressure:** Not available.

**Vapor Density:** Not available.

**Evaporation Rate:** Not available.

**Viscosity:** Not available.

**Boiling Point:** Not available.

**Freezing/Melting Point:** 350 deg C

**Decomposition Temperature:** 350 deg C

**Solubility:** Insoluble in water.

**Specific Gravity/Density:** 2.36 (water=1)

**Molecular Formula:** Mg(OH)2

**Molecular Weight:** 58.3178

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Section 10 - Stability and Reactivity

**Chemical Stability:** Stable at room temperature in closed containers under normal storage and handling conditions.

**Conditions to Avoid:** Incompatible materials, dust generation.

**Incompatibilities with Other Materials:** Phosphorus (spontaneous ignition).

**Hazardous Decomposition Products:** Oxides of magnesium.

**Hazardous Polymerization:** Has not been reported.

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Section 11 - Toxicological Information

**RTECS#:**

**CAS#:** 1309-42-8: OM3570000

http://fscimage.fishersci.com/msds/13405.htm
LD50/LC50:
CAS# 1309-42-8:
  Oral, mouse: LD50 = 8500 mg/kg;
  Oral, rat: LD50 = 8500 mg/kg;

Carcinogenicity:
CAS# 1309-42-8: Not listed by ACGIH, IARC, NTP, or CA Prop 65.

Epidemiology: No information available.
Teratogenicity: No information available.
Reproductive Effects: No information available.
Mutagenicity: No information available.
Neurotoxicity: No information available.
Other Studies:

Section 12 - Ecological Information

Ecotoxicity: No data available. No information available.
Environmental: No information reported.
Physical: No information available.
Other: None.

Section 13 - Disposal Considerations

Chemical waste generators must determine whether a discarded chemical is classified as a hazardous waste. US EPA guidelines for the classification determination are listed in 40 CFR Parts 261.3. Additionally, waste generators must consult state and local hazardous waste regulations to ensure complete and accurate classification.
RCRA P-Series: None listed.
RCRA U-Series: None listed.

Section 14 - Transport Information

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Section 15 - Regulatory Information

US FEDERAL

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TSCA
  CAS# 1309-42-8 is listed on the TSCA inventory.

Health & Safety Reporting List
  None of the chemicals are on the Health & Safety Reporting List.

Chemical Test Rules
  None of the chemicals in this product are under a Chemical Test Rule.

Section 12b
  None of the chemicals are listed under TSCA Section 12b.

TSCA Significant New Use Rule
  None of the chemicals in this material have a SNUR under TSCA.

CERCLA Hazardous Substances and corresponding RQs
  None of the chemicals in this material have an RQ.

SARA Section 302 Extremely Hazardous Substances
  None of the chemicals in this product have a TPQ.

Section 313
  No chemicals are reportable under Section 313.

Clean Air Act:
  This material does not contain any hazardous air pollutants.
  This material does not contain any Class 1 Ozone depletors.
  This material does not contain any Class 2 Ozone depletors.

Clean Water Act:
  None of the chemicals in this product are listed as Hazardous Substances under the CWA.
  None of the chemicals in this product are listed as Priority Pollutants under the CWA.
  None of the chemicals in this product are listed as Toxic Pollutants under the CWA.

OSHA:
  None of the chemicals in this product are considered highly hazardous by OSHA.

STATE
  CAS# 1309-42-8 is not present on state lists from CA, PA, MN, MA, FL, or NJ.

California Prop 65

California No Significant Risk Level: None of the chemicals in this product are listed.

European/International Regulations

European Labeling in Accordance with EC Directives

Hazard Symbols:
  XI

Risk Phrases:
  R 36/37/38 Irritating to eyes, respiratory system and skin.

Safety Phrases:
  S 26 In case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of water and seek medical advice.
  S 37/39 Wear suitable gloves and eye/face protection.

WGK (Water Danger/Protection)
  CAS# 1309-42-8: 1

Canada - DSL/NDSL
  CAS# 1309-42-8 is listed on Canada's DSL List.

Canada - WHMIS
  This product has a WHMIS classification of Not controlled.
  This product has been classified in accordance with the hazard criteria of the Controlled Products Regulations and the MSDS contains all of the information required by those regulations.

Canadian Ingredient Disclosure List
Section 16 - Additional Information

**MSDS Creation Date:** 3/23/1999  
**Revision #5 Date:** 11/08/2007

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