

Section 7: MSDS of Especially Hazardous or High-Use Chemicals

What goes here?

Copies of the MSDS for the most dangerous and the most common materials in your lab or the exact location where MSDS can be found should be in this section.

For example, if you are operating an Atomic Absorption Spectrophotometer in your lab, you would definitely want MSDSs for Acetylene and Nitric acid to be here. Something like Potassium phosphate would not need to be here unless there is a large quantity of it in use in the lab (its toxicity is very minor compared to other hazards). This is a subjective call to be made by the lab manager.

Why is it important to keep these documents here?

Lab personnel should be able to readily access MSDS information in the event of an inspection or an emergency. These are the documents you are likely to need on the way to the hospital. Call or email the UTIA Safety Office if you have difficulty finding appropriate MSDS information.