

# SAFETY DATA SHEET

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## SECTION 1: Identification of the substance/mixture and of the company/undertaking

### 1.1 Product identifiers

Product name : 2-Mercaptoethanol

Product Number : M3148  
Brand : Sigma  
CAS-No. : 60-24-2

### 1.2 Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against

Identified uses : Laboratory chemicals, Synthesis of substances

Uses advised against : The product is being supplied under the TSCA R&D Exemption (40 CFR Section 720.36). It is the recipient's responsibility to comply with the requirements of the R&D exemption. The product may not be used for a non-exempt commercial purpose under TSCA unless appropriate consent is granted in writing by MilliporeSigma.

### 1.3 Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

Company : Sigma-Aldrich Inc.  
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ST. LOUIS MO 63103  
UNITED STATES  
Telephone : +1 314 771-5765  
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### 1.4 Emergency telephone

Emergency Phone # : 800-424-9300 CHEMTREC (USA) +1-703-527-3887 CHEMTREC (International) 24 Hours/day; 7 Days/week

## SECTION 2: Hazards identification

### 2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture

#### GHS Classification in accordance with 29 CFR 1910 (OSHA HCS)

Flammable liquids (Category 4), H227  
Acute toxicity, Oral (Category 3), H301  
Acute toxicity, Inhalation (Category 3), H331  
Acute toxicity, Dermal (Category 2), H310

Skin irritation (Category 2), H315  
 Serious eye damage (Category 1), H318  
 Skin sensitization (Sub-category 1A), H317  
 Reproductive toxicity (Category 2), H361  
 Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure, Oral (Category 2), Liver, Heart, H373  
 Short-term (acute) aquatic hazard (Category 1), H400  
 Long-term (chronic) aquatic hazard (Category 2), H411

For the full text of the H-Statements mentioned in this Section, see Section 16.

## 2.2 GHS Label elements, including precautionary statements

Pictogram



Signal Word

Danger

Hazard Statements

H227	Combustible liquid.
H301 + H331	Toxic if swallowed or if inhaled.
H310	Fatal in contact with skin.
H315	Causes skin irritation.
H317	May cause an allergic skin reaction.
H318	Causes serious eye damage.
H361	Suspected of damaging fertility or the unborn child.
H373	May cause damage to organs (Liver, Heart) through prolonged or repeated exposure if swallowed.
H400	Very toxic to aquatic life.
H411	Toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects.

Precautionary Statements

P201	Obtain special instructions before use.
P202	Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood.
P210	Keep away from heat/ sparks/ open flames/ hot surfaces. No smoking.
P260	Do not breathe mist or vapors.
P262	Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing.
P264	Wash skin thoroughly after handling.
P270	Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.
P271	Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area.
P272	Contaminated work clothing must not be allowed out of the workplace.
P273	Avoid release to the environment.
P280	Wear protective gloves/ protective clothing/ eye protection/ face protection.
P301 + P310 + P330	IF SWALLOWED: Immediately call a POISON CENTER/ doctor. Rinse mouth.
P302 + P350 + P310	IF ON SKIN: Gently wash with plenty of soap and water. Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/ physician.
P302 + P352	IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water.
P304 + P340 + P311	IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing. Call a POISON CENTER/ doctor.
P305 + P351 + P338 +	IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes.

P310	Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Immediately call a POISON CENTER/ doctor.
P308 + P313	IF exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/ attention.
P333 + P313	If skin irritation or rash occurs: Get medical advice/ attention.
P362	Take off contaminated clothing and wash before reuse.
P370 + P378	In case of fire: Use dry sand, dry chemical or alcohol-resistant foam to extinguish.
P391	Collect spillage.
P403 + P233	Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed.
P403 + P235	Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep cool.
P405	Store locked up.
P501	Dispose of contents/ container to an approved waste disposal plant.

### 2.3 Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC) or not covered by GHS

Stench.  
Stench., Rapidly absorbed through skin.

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## SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients

### 3.1 Substances

Synonyms : 2-Hydroxyethylmercaptan  
β-Mercaptoethanol  
beta mercaptoethanol  
Thioethylene glycol  
BME

Formula : C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>6</sub>OS  
Molecular weight : 78.13 g/mol  
CAS-No. : 60-24-2  
EC-No. : 200-464-6

Component	Classification	Concentration
<b>Mercaptoethanol</b>		
	Flam. Liq. 4; Acute Tox. 3; Acute Tox. 2; Skin Irrit. 2; Eye Dam. 1; Skin Sens. 1A; Repr. 2; STOT RE 2; Aquatic Acute 1; Aquatic Chronic 2; H227, H301, H331, H310, H315, H318, H317, H361, H373, H400, H411	<= 100 %

For the full text of the H-Statements mentioned in this Section, see Section 16.

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## SECTION 4: First aid measures

### 4.1 Description of first-aid measures

#### General advice

First aiders need to protect themselves. Show this material safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance.

#### If inhaled

After inhalation: fresh air. Immediately call in physician. If breathing stops: immediately apply artificial respiration, if necessary also oxygen.

#### In case of skin contact

In case of skin contact: Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/ shower. Call a physician immediately.

#### In case of eye contact

After eye contact: rinse out with plenty of water. Immediately call in ophthalmologist. Remove contact lenses.

#### If swallowed

If swallowed: give water to drink (two glasses at most). Seek medical advice immediately. In exceptional cases only, if medical care is not available within one hour, induce vomiting (only in persons who are wide awake and fully conscious), administer activated charcoal (20 - 40 g in a 10% slurry) and consult a doctor as quickly as possible.

### 4.2 Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

The most important known symptoms and effects are described in the labelling (see section 2.2) and/or in section 11

### 4.3 Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

No data available

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## SECTION 5: Firefighting measures

### 5.1 Extinguishing media

#### Suitable extinguishing media

Water Foam Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) Dry powder

#### Unsuitable extinguishing media

For this substance/mixture no limitations of extinguishing agents are given.

### 5.2 Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

Carbon oxides

Sulfur oxides

Combustible.

Vapors are heavier than air and may spread along floors.

Forms explosive mixtures with air on intense heating.

Development of hazardous combustion gases or vapours possible in the event of fire.

### 5.3 Advice for firefighters

Stay in danger area only with self-contained breathing apparatus. Prevent skin contact by keeping a safe distance or by wearing suitable protective clothing.

#### 5.4 Further information

Remove container from danger zone and cool with water. Suppress (knock down) gases/vapors/mists with a water spray jet. Prevent fire extinguishing water from contaminating surface water or the ground water system.

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### SECTION 6: Accidental release measures

#### 6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

Advice for non-emergency personnel: Do not breathe vapors, aerosols. Avoid substance contact. Ensure adequate ventilation. Keep away from heat and sources of ignition. Evacuate the danger area, observe emergency procedures, consult an expert. For personal protection see section 8.

#### 6.2 Environmental precautions

Do not let product enter drains.

#### 6.3 Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up

Cover drains. Collect, bind, and pump off spills. Observe possible material restrictions (see sections 7 and 10). Take up carefully with liquid-absorbent material (e.g. Chemizorb®). Dispose of properly. Clean up affected area.

#### 6.4 Reference to other sections

For disposal see section 13.

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### SECTION 7: Handling and storage

#### 7.1 Precautions for safe handling

##### Advice on safe handling

Work under hood. Do not inhale substance/mixture. Avoid generation of vapours/aerosols.

##### Advice on protection against fire and explosion

Keep away from open flames, hot surfaces and sources of ignition. Take precautionary measures against static discharge.

##### Hygiene measures

Immediately change contaminated clothing. Apply preventive skin protection. Wash hands and face after working with substance. For precautions see section 2.2.

#### 7.2 Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

##### Storage conditions

Tightly closed. Keep in a well-ventilated place. Keep locked up or in an area accessible only to qualified or authorized persons.

##### Storage stability

 Recommended storage temperature

2 - 8 °C

##### Storage class

Storage class (TRGS 510): 6.1A: Combustible, acute toxic Cat. 1 and 2 / very toxic hazardous materials

#### 7.3 Specific end use(s)

Apart from the uses mentioned in section 1.2 no other specific uses are stipulated

## SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection

### 8.1 Control parameters

#### Ingredients with workplace control parameters

Component	CAS-No.	Value	Control parameters	Basis
Mercaptoethanol	60-24-2	TWA	0.2 ppm	USA. Workplace Environmental Exposure Levels (WEEL)
	Remarks	Skin		

### 8.2 Exposure controls

#### Appropriate engineering controls

Immediately change contaminated clothing. Apply preventive skin protection. Wash hands and face after working with substance.

#### Personal protective equipment

##### Eye/face protection

Use equipment for eye protection tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or EN 166(EU). Tightly fitting safety goggles

##### Skin protection

This recommendation applies only to the product stated in the safety data sheet, supplied by us and for the designated use. When dissolving in or mixing with other substances and under conditions deviating from those stated in EN 16523-1 please contact the supplier of CE-approved gloves (e.g. KCL GmbH, D-36124 Eichenzell, Internet: [www.kcl.de](http://www.kcl.de)).

Full contact

Material: butyl-rubber

Minimum layer thickness: 0.7 mm

Break through time: 480 min

Material tested: Butoject® (KCL 898)

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Splash contact

Material: Nitrile rubber

Minimum layer thickness: 0.4 mm

Break through time: 120 min

Material tested: Camatril® (KCL 730 / Aldrich Z677442, Size M)

##### Body Protection

protective clothing

##### Respiratory protection

Recommended Filter type: Filter B-(P3)

The entrepreneur has to ensure that maintenance, cleaning and testing of respiratory protective devices are carried out according to the instructions of the producer. These measures have to be properly documented. required when vapours/aerosols are generated. Our recommendations on filtering respiratory protection are based on the following standards: DIN EN 143, DIN 14387 and other accompanying standards relating to the used respiratory protection system.

### **Control of environmental exposure**

Do not let product enter drains.

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## **SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties**

### **9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties**

a) Appearance	Form: liquid Color: colorless
b) Odor	characteristic
c) Odor Threshold	5.7 ppm
d) pH	4.5 - 6 at 500 g/l at 20 °C (68 °F)
e) Melting point/freezing point	Melting point: < -50 °C (< -58 °F)
f) Initial boiling point and boiling range	157 °C 315 °F
g) Flash point	68 °C (154 °F) - closed cup
h) Evaporation rate	No data available
i) Flammability (solid, gas)	No data available
j) Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits	Upper explosion limit: 18 %(V) Lower explosion limit: 2.3 %(V)
k) Vapor pressure	0.76 hPa at 20 °C (68 °F)
l) Vapor density	2.70 - (Air = 1.0)
m) Density	1.114 g/mL at 25 °C (77 °F)
Relative density	No data available
n) Water solubility	soluble
o) Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water	log Pow: -0.056 at 25 °C (77 °F) - Bioaccumulation is not expected.
p) Autoignition temperature	No data available
q) Decomposition temperature	No data available
r) Viscosity	No data available

- s) Explosive properties Not classified as explosive.
- t) Oxidizing properties none

## 9.2 Other safety information

Relative vapor density 2.70 - (Air = 1.0)

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## SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity

### 10.1 Reactivity

Forms explosive mixtures with air on intense heating.  
A range from approx. 15 Kelvin below the flash point is to be rated as critical.

### 10.2 Chemical stability

The product is chemically stable under standard ambient conditions (room temperature) .

### 10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions

Violent reactions possible with:  
Strong oxidizing agents  
A risk of explosion and/or of toxic gas formation exists with the following substances:  
Acids

### 10.4 Conditions to avoid

Strong heating.

### 10.5 Incompatible materials

Metals, Oxidizing agents, Strong oxidizing agents

### 10.6 Hazardous decomposition products

In the event of fire: see section 5

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## SECTION 11: Toxicological information

### 11.1 Information on toxicological effects

#### Acute toxicity

LD50 Oral - Mouse - 190 mg/kg

Remarks: (RTECS)

Symptoms: Irritations of mucous membranes in the mouth, pharynx, oesophagus and gastrointestinal tract.

LC50 Inhalation - Rat - male - 4 h - 2.05 mg/l - vapor

Remarks: (ECHA)

Symptoms: Possible damages:, mucosal irritations, Cough, Shortness of breath

LD50 Dermal - Rabbit - male and female - 112 - 224 mg/kg

Remarks: (ECHA)

No data available



**Skin corrosion/irritation**

Skin - Rabbit

Result: Irritations

(OECD Test Guideline 404)

**Serious eye damage/eye irritation**

Eyes - Rabbit

Result: Severe irritations

(Draize Test)

Remarks: (External MSDS)

Remarks: Risk of corneal clouding.

**Respiratory or skin sensitization**

Maximization Test - Guinea pig

Result: positive

(OECD Test Guideline 406)

**Germ cell mutagenicity**

No data available

Test Type: Chromosome aberration test

Species: Mouse

Cell type: Bone marrow

Application Route: Intraperitoneal

Method: OECD Test Guideline 474

Result: negative

**Carcinogenicity**

IARC: No ingredient of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as probable, possible or confirmed human carcinogen by IARC.

NTP: No ingredient of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a known or anticipated carcinogen by NTP.

OSHA: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is on OSHA's list of regulated carcinogens.

**Reproductive toxicity**

Suspected of damaging fertility.

**Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure**

No data available

**Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure**

Ingestion - May cause damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure.

- Liver, Heart

**Aspiration hazard**

No data available

**11.2 Additional Information**

Repeated dose toxicity - Rat - male and female - Oral - 49 d - NOAEL (No observed adverse effect level) - 15 mg/kg - LOAEL (Lowest observed adverse effect level) - 50 mg/kg

RTECS: KL5600000

burning sensation, Cough, wheezing, laryngitis, Shortness of breath, Headache, Nausea, Vomiting, Weakness, Unconsciousness, Material is extremely destructive to tissue of the mucous membranes and upper respiratory tract, eyes, and skin., spasm, inflammation and edema of the larynx, spasm, inflammation and edema of the bronchi, pneumonitis, pulmonary edema

To the best of our knowledge, the chemical, physical, and toxicological properties have not been thoroughly investigated.

Systemic effects:

CNS disorders

Nausea

Vomiting

Convulsions

narcosis

The following applies to mercaptans in general: offensive odour.

Other dangerous properties can not be excluded.

This substance should be handled with particular care.

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## SECTION 12: Ecological information

### 12.1 Toxicity

Toxicity to fish	static test LC50 - Leuciscus idus (Golden orfe) - 37 mg/l - 96 h (DIN 38412 T15)
Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates	static test EC50 - Daphnia magna (Water flea) - 0.4 mg/l - 48 h (OECD Test Guideline 202)
Toxicity to algae	static test ErC50 - Desmodesmus subspicatus (green algae) - 19 mg/l - 72 h (OECD Test Guideline 201)
Toxicity to bacteria	static test EC50 - Pseudomonas putida - 125 mg/l - 17 h (DIN 38 412 Part 8)
Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates(Chronic toxicity)	semi-static test NOEC - Daphnia magna (Water flea) - > 0.0632 mg/l - 21 d (OECD Test Guideline 211)

### 12.2 Persistence and degradability

Biodegradability      Result: > 70 % - rapidly biodegradable  
Remarks: (ECHA)

Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD)      105 mg/g  
Remarks: (IUCLID)

Chemical Oxygen Demand (COD) 1.894 mg/g  
Remarks: (IUCLID)

### 12.3 Bioaccumulative potential

Does not accumulate in organisms.

### 12.4 Mobility in soil

No data available

### 12.5 Results of PBT and vPvB assessment

PBT/vPvB assessment not available as chemical safety assessment not required/not conducted

### 12.6 Endocrine disrupting properties

No data available

### 12.7 Other adverse effects

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## SECTION 13: Disposal considerations

### 13.1 Waste treatment methods

#### Product

Waste material must be disposed of in accordance with the national and local regulations. Leave chemicals in original containers. No mixing with other waste. Handle uncleaned containers like the product itself.

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## SECTION 14: Transport information

### DOT (US)

UN number: 2966 Class: 6.1 Packing group: II  
Proper shipping name: Thioglycol  
Reportable Quantity (RQ):  
Poison Inhalation Hazard: No

### IMDG

UN number: 2966 Class: 6.1 Packing group: II EMS-No: F-A, S-A  
Proper shipping name: THIOGLYCOL  
Marine pollutant : yes

### IATA

UN number: 2966 Class: 6.1 Packing group: II  
Proper shipping name: Thioglycol

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**SECTION 15: Regulatory information****CERCLA Reportable Quantity**

This material does not contain any components with a CERCLA RQ.

**SARA 304 Extremely Hazardous Substances Reportable Quantity**

This material does not contain any components with a section 304 EHS RQ.

**SARA 302 Extremely Hazardous Substances Threshold Planning Quantity**

This material does not contain any components with a section 302 EHS TPQ.

**SARA 311/312 Hazards** : Fire Hazard  
Acute Health Hazard

**SARA 313** : This material does not contain any chemical components with known CAS numbers that exceed the threshold (De Minimis) reporting levels established by SARA Title III, Section 313.

**Clean Air Act**

This product neither contains, nor was manufactured with a Class I or Class II ODS as defined by the U.S. Clean Air Act Section 602 (40 CFR 82, Subpt. A, App.A + B).

This product does not contain any hazardous air pollutants (HAP), as defined by the U.S. Clean Air Act Section 112 (40 CFR 61).

This product does not contain any chemicals listed under the U.S. Clean Air Act Section 112(r) for Accidental Release Prevention (40 CFR 68.130, Subpart F).

This product does not contain any chemicals listed under the U.S. Clean Air Act Section 111 SOCOMI Intermediate or Final VOC's (40 CFR 60.489).

**Clean Water Act**

This product does not contain any Hazardous Substances listed under the U.S. CleanWater Act, Section 311, Table 116.4A.

This product does not contain any Hazardous Chemicals listed under the U.S. CleanWater Act, Section 311, Table 117.3.

This product does not contain any toxic pollutants listed under the U.S. Clean Water Act Section 307

This product does not contain any priority pollutants related to the U.S. Clean Water Act

**US State Regulations****Massachusetts Right To Know**

Mercaptoethanol 60-24-2

**Pennsylvania Right To Know**

Mercaptoethanol 60-24-2

**Maine Chemicals of High Concern**

Product does not contain any listed chemicals

**Vermont Chemicals of High Concern**

Product does not contain any listed chemicals

**Washington Chemicals of High Concern**

Product does not contain any listed chemicals

**The ingredients of this product are reported in the following inventories:**

TSCA : All substances listed as active on the TSCA inventory

**TSCA list**

No substances are subject to a Significant New Use Rule.

No substances are subject to TSCA 12(b) export notification requirements.

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**SECTION 16: Other information**

**Further information**

The information is believed to be correct but is not exhaustive and will be used solely as a guideline, which is based on current knowledge of the chemical substance or mixture and is applicable to appropriate safety precautions for the product. It does not represent any guarantee of the properties of the product. Sigma-Aldrich Corporation and its Affiliates shall not be held liable for any damage resulting from handling or from contact with the above product. See [www.sigma-aldrich.com](http://www.sigma-aldrich.com) and/or the reverse side of invoice or packing slip for additional terms and conditions of sale.

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