

EMERGENCY PROCEDURE GUIDE — TRANSPORT

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NAME	UN No	HAZCHEM
FORMALDEHYDE SOLUTION with not less than 25% formaldehyde	2209	2Z

Synonym: Formalin
Colourless, clear liquid with suffocating, pungent odour.
Solution of gas in water or methanol, or mixture of the two.
Usually stabilized with methanol.
Miscible with water.
Vapour is heavier than air.
Transported in tankers, drums and small containers.

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

POLICE OR FIRE BRIGADE: DIAL 000—IF INEFFECTIVE DIAL 1100 (EXCHANGE)
POISONS INFORMATION CENTRE: 13 11 26

Organization	Location	Telephone	Ask for
		Include area code in brackets	

HAZARDS

FIRE	Gas vaporizes readily from solution and is flammable. Vapour forms explosive mixture with air. Vapour may travel to source of ignition and flash back. Vapours from runoff may create an explosion hazard. Fire will produce irritating, poisonous gas.
HEALTH	Burns skin, irritates mucous membranes. Toxic by inhalation, in contact with skin and if swallowed.

PROTECTIVE CLOTHING

EMERGENCY RESPONDERS	Wear SCBA and chemical-resistant gloves and boots when handling this substance. Fully-encapsulating, gas-tight suit is recommended. Structural firefighters' uniform may not be effective for this substance.
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