

# FLINN SCIENTIFIC INC.

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## Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS)

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### Section 1 — Chemical Product and Company Identification

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#### Helium Gas

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### Section 2 — Composition, Information on Ingredients

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Helium Gas

CAS#: 7440-59-7

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### Section 3 — Hazards Identification

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Colorless, odorless gas.

Asphyxiant by displacing air. Substance not considered hazardous. However, not all health aspects of this substance have been thoroughly investigated.

#### FLINN AT-A-GLANCE

Health-0

Flammability-0

Reactivity-0

Exposure-0

Storage-0

0 is low hazard, 3 is high hazard

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### Section 4 — First Aid Measures

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Call a physician, seek medical attention for further treatment, observation and support after first aid.

Inhalation: Remove to fresh air at once. If breathing has stopped give artificial respiration immediately.

Eye: Immediately flush with fresh water for 15 minutes.

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### Section 5 — Fire Fighting Measures

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Nonflammable gas.

Pressurized gas. Keep from heat.

#### NFPA CODE

None Established

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### Section 6 — Accidental Release Measures

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Allow gas to dissipate.

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### Section 7 — Handling and Storage

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Store with the bottled gases in a secure area.

Cylinder temperature should not exceed 125 F (52 C)

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### Section 8 — Exposure Controls, Personal Protection

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Avoid contact with eyes, skin and clothing. Wear chemical splash goggles, chemical-resistant gloves and chemical-resistant apron.

### Section 9 — Physical and Chemical Properties

Colorless, odorless gas  
Formula: He  
Formula Weight: 4.00

Specific Gravity: 0.1785 g/L @ 0 C  
Melting Point: -272.2 C @ 26 atm  
Boiling Point: -268 C

### Section 10 — Stability and Reactivity

Avoid contact with heat.  
Shelf Life: Indefinite.

### Section 11 — Toxicological Information

Acute effects: Nausea, dizziness and headache  
Chronic effects: N.A.  
Target organs: N.A.

ORL-RAT LD50: N.A.  
IHL-RAT LC50: N.A.  
SKN-RBT LD50: N.A.

N.A. = Not available, not all health aspects of this substance have been fully investigated.

### Section 12 — Ecological Information

Data not yet available.

### Section 13 — Disposal Considerations

Please consult with state and local regulations.  
One option is to completely empty the cylinder in an operating fume hood or outdoors. Then dispose of empty cylinder in trash if

### Section 14 — Transport Information

Shipping Name: Helium, compressed  
Hazard Class: 2.2, Nonflammable gas  
UN Number: UN1046

N/A = Not applicable

### Section 15 — Regulatory Information

TSCA-listed, EINECS-listed (231-168-5).

### Section 16 — Other Information

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