

## **Area Safety Leads**

Area Safety Leads coordinate with Supervisors, Managers, and WPC Activity Leads in Technical Areas (shops and laboratories) to assure that the hazards and required Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for the area are identified and communicated to all occupants through the entrance placards. The process for determining PPE requirements and food/beverage restrictions for technical areas is described in **ES&H Manual Chapter 19**. Further information and templates for entrance placards are found in the **LBNL Chemical Hygiene and Safety Plan**, under **Posting Area Entrances**. The Area Safety Lead function is particularly important when users from multiple work groups occupy or use a Technical Area.

## **Technical Area Work Release**

A primary person and alternate are designated for each ATAP technical area with significant hazards or sensitive equipment to authorize Facilities Division personnel to enter and perform work under the **Technical Area Work Release** process. The Division Safety Coordinator maintains a list of current work releasers in the Technical Area Designation database. In most cases, the Area Safety Lead performs this function by responding to email requests from Facilities to release work. Work Release is granted after the work releaser coordinates as necessary with Supervisors, Managers, WPC Activity Leads, and the Building Manager to determine when it is safe for Facilities personnel to enter the requested Technical Areas and what conditions must be met to ensure safety. **During the COVID-19 pandemic, Building Managers must consider the space occupancy limits and social distancing requirements when determining when it is safe for Facilities personnel to work in a space.**