



Lab Caution Sign Talking Points Facilities Services Safety Team



<http://www.ehs.washington.edu/fsohazmat/labsign.shtm>

- Use these talking points to lead a discussion with your shop about the new Lab Caution Signs.
- Provide a sample sign to each attendee (color copies if possible).
- Sample signs can be printed from EH&S website .

1. These signs will be posted near the entrance to the lab (not on the door). They identify an area as a laboratory and alert staff to potential hazards.
2. Facilities Services staff are considered UW authorized personnel.
3. Fire Diamond and the list of hazards are information for emergency responders such as fire fighters and rescue personnel. This information alerts emergency responders to potential hazards in uncontrolled situations like a fire or spill.
Note: Get more information from the EH&S website if you want to provide more details about the NFPA fire diamond.
4. Biohazard and radioactive materials symbols indicate that a lab is authorized for these materials and they may be present.
5. Entry precautions section will specify requirements for entry into the lab, such as protective equipment, clothing, or occupational health requirements (vaccinations or medical screening). The requirements apply to Facilities Services staff. If you have questions ask lab staff prior to entry.
6. Contact information tells you who to call if you have questions and no one is in the lab and may also provide after-hours contact information (optional).
7. In addition to this sign, you will still see separate signs for laser hazards, UV hazards, strong magnet warnings, and biohazard signs on doors indicating no admittance.