What is REAL ID?

Passed by Congress in 2005, the REAL ID Act enacted the 9/11 Commission’s recommendation that the Federal Government “set standards for the issuance of sources of identification, such as driver’s licenses.” The Act established minimum security standards for state-issued driver’s licenses and identification cards and prohibits Federal agencies from accepting for official purposes licenses and identification cards from states that do not meet these standards.

How Does it Affect Me?

Starting in January, 2017, visitors seeking access to Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory using their state-issued driver’s licenses or identification cards must present proper identification issued by REAL ID compliant states or a state that has received an extension.

Non-compliant States: Minnesota, Missouri, Washington
Extension Granted until January, 2017: Kentucky, Maine, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, S. Carolina

If the visitor does not possess a state-issued driver’s license or identification that is compliant with the REAL ID Act then the individual must present an acceptable document to establish identity listed on the Department of Homeland Security Form I-9, Employment Eligibility Verification”.

What Do You Need To Do?

Any Visitor unable to show a REAL ID compliant form of identification, or acceptable alternate ID (as defined by TSA), can only be allowed on site if they are escorted at all times. The Lab’s requirements for hosting foreign nationals still applies and all hosts must complete SEC0500 - Hosting Foreign Nationals.