

FACILITY REGULATIONS

Animals and Pets

- Domestic animals: If you plan to use a domestic animal (i.e., cat or dog) in your exhibit, be sure to contact your Show Manager for approval. An insurance disclaimer will need to be completed. Upon proof of show management approval, disclaimer forms can be obtained through the McCormick Place Event Manager at (312) 791-6317.
- Non-domestic, endangered or exotic animals: The use of these animals must be approved by your Show Manager. In addition to the disclaimer form, you must also contact our Loss Prevention Manager at 312.791.7113.

Balloons and Radio-Operated Air Devices

- Radio-operated blimps and similar devices are permitted on the event floor with pre-approval in writing from Show Management and with a certificate of accident insurance.
- To prevent escape to the ceiling, helium-filled balloons and similar objects must be secured. If they do escape to the ceiling, you may be charged removal fees.
- Helium-filled balloons or any other helium-filled object may not be distributed.
- Mylar balloons are prohibited due to their affect on the fire detection systems.

Smoking

- In accordance with the City of Chicago Fire Department and the City of Chicago, smoking is not permitted in McCormick Place. Smoking stations are located outside of the facility.

Exhibits in Meeting Rooms

- If a meeting room has been assigned to your company for exhibit or meeting use, please contact the McCormick Place Event Manager at (312) 791-6317 for specific meeting room guidelines.
- Storage of combustible materials in meeting rooms, ballrooms or service corridors is prohibited.
- Crates, cartons, pallets, pallet jacks, forklifts, etc., are not allowed in meeting rooms. All freight must be uncrated or removed from pallets prior to entering the room. Movement of freight should be done using flat trucks dedicated to carpet use. If other flat trucks or dollies are used, appropriate floor protection (Visqueen or Masonite) must be installed.
- Storage of containers, skids, etc. is prohibited inside the facility. These items must be moved to the appropriate crate storage area. Please contact your Contractor or the official event service contractor to assist you. Removal of such items is a Fire Safety regulation and subject to inspection by the Fire Marshal.

Hanging Items

Hanging items are defined as any materials, including but not limited to, signs and machinery, which are hung from or attached to ceilings, exhibit structures or building supports.

All requests for hanging items must be reviewed and approved by Show Management.

The responsibility to hang an item is shared by your general service contractor and the utility provider.

NOTE: Items weighing 500 lbs or more: Drawings must be reviewed, signed and stamped by a licensed structural engineer to CERTIFY STRUCTURAL INTEGRITY AND SAFETY.

- These rules and regulations provide absolute limits which cannot be exceeded under any circumstances or conditions.
- Fire Retardant regulations also apply to hanging items. Refer questions regarding fire retardancy to the Fire Safety Manager at (312) 791-6079.
- No hanging items are to be hung from any electrical fixtures, raceways, water, gas, air, fire protection, communications lines, piping, supports or hangers.
- All electrical and neon items must conform to City of Chicago Electrical Codes.
- The use of MIS, Octonorm or similar components systems for hanging signs is not permitted in our facility.