

Fort Lauderdale, FL Labor Guidelines

For Exhibits, Exhibitions, Displays and Trade Shows, Public & Private

To simplify show preparation, we are certain you will appreciate knowing in advance that labor will be required for certain aspects of your exhibit handling. To help you understand the show site work rules, we ask that you read the following:

Booth Labor, Freight and Rigging

Union personnel has jurisdiction for providing labor to install and dismantle booth properties. Full-time employees of the exhibiting companies, however, may set their own exhibits without assistance from this local. Any labor services that may be required beyond what your regular full-time employees can provide, must be rendered by Union personnel, through the General Contractor (proof of full-time employment status may be requested by the Union Steward of any personnel working in your booth).

Exhibitors may “hand-carry” their own materials into the exhibit facility. However, they may not use dollies, flat trucks, or other mechanical equipment to assist. The General Contractor will control access to the loading docks and all material moved through this area must be handled by the General Contractor (Union personnel handle freight from the warehouse to the docks, and hand the drayage from the dock to the booth space. Union personnel also handle pipe and drape, carpet laying, and booth installation as mentioned above). Union personnel handle the move-in, performance, and move-out of the following: cable installations for local cable television and satellite hook ups, audio and video recording, audio visual projection and screen masking, rigging of theatrical apparatus from the ceiling grid, and entertainment events such as staging, sound, and lighting operations. Audio visual contractors may provide supervision only.

Hanging Signs

Most of the time, the Exhibitor Appointed Contractor (EAC) can assemble and dismantle the hanging signs and the General Contractor only raises and hangs it and brings it down to the floor on the dismantle. This does vary show to show but that is usually the case. Exhibitors or Exhibit Houses may supervise this work only.

Electrical

Electricians are responsible for the installation and activation of all electrical requirements. Exhibitors may provide their own power cords, but they must be of the 3 wire grounded variety. Exhibitors may prep, assemble and service their own special equipment requiring engineers or technicians, but the “house electricians” must service all connections and provide overload protection to the equipment. AV contractors can usually bring in their own equipment and can install and service, although they do have to go through the Union dock to unload and deliver to booth if it is more than they can hand-carry (this does vary show to show but this is usually the case).

Hours

In Fort Lauderdale, straight time rates are from Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to 4:30 pm. Overtime rates are incurred outside of those hours on Monday through Friday as well as all day on Saturday. Sundays and holidays are double time. Lunch is from 12:00 – 12:30 pm.

Safety

Standing on chairs, tables, or other rental furniture is prohibited. This furniture is not engineered to support your standing weight. T3 Expo cannot be responsible for injuries or falls caused by the improper use of this furniture. If assistance is required in assembling your booth, labor can be ordered through T3 Expo by returning the Display Labor order form in this Exhibitor Service Kit in advance, or returning it on show site to T3 Expo's Service Desk.

Tipping

T3 Expo requests that exhibitors do not tip our employees. They are paid at an excellent wage scale denoting a professional status and we feel that tipping is not necessary; this applies to all employees. Any request for tipping should be brought to the attention of a T3 Expo representative at the Service Desk.