



FIREARMS & SMALL WEAPONS DISPLAY RULES AND REGULATIONS

All exhibitors who will be displaying firearms must submit a valid Federal Firearms License and complete the online Firearms & Small Weapons Form to AUSA by **November 1, 2024.**

In order to display your firearm at LANPAC, the following guidelines must be followed:

- All firearms displayed or used for any type of demonstration purposes must be deactivated by removal of the firing pin or other operation so that they are rendered incapable of being fired.
- Live ammunition, black and smokeless powders, primers, percussion caps or any other ignitable propellants are not permitted in the hotel at any time.
- Actual firearms must be rendered inoperable during the entire time they are in the hotel by having firing pins removed.
- Firearms must be secured to the exhibit with flexible steel cable or wire rope at least 3/16" in diameter, attached to, or running thru the firearm, and attached to the exhibit or to a permanent fixture. Locking devices used with cable should be locks built into the cable, or separate secondary locks with hardened shackles.
- Regardless of your booth size and configuration, all booth equipment and structures utilized to display firearms that are accessible and intended to be handled by attendees must be positioned within your booth space in such a manner that attendees can only access and handle while standing within the confines of your booth space. Firearms cannot be accessible or handled in the aisles, or anywhere outside the perimeters of your booth space. Attendees must have adequate room to stand within the confines of your booth space when handling a firearm and should not be able to access a firearm while standing in the aisle.
Firearms on display that are not intended to be handled by attendees are not subject to these regulations but must be adequately tied down so they cannot be picked-up and handled by attendees in the aisles or outside of your booth space.
- A designated company representative must be on-site to supervise the load in/out of your firearms.
- All firearms and small weapons must be tethered, fastened or secured for safe handling or displayed in a glass case.
- An inventory list that includes the type and number of firearms that are being displayed must be available in your booth. This document will be reviewed by AUSA Security during the inspections.

Small Arms and Light Weapons

Small arms and light weapons range from clubs, knives and machetes to mortars below the caliber of 100 mm and are designed for personal use or several persons serving as a crew. These items should be tethered or displayed in a glass case.

A Firearms & Small Weapons Form must be submitted to AUSA if you plan display these items.

CO₂/Air Operated/Airsoft and Marker Guns

Guns in this category are exempt from inspection with the following provisions:

- Guns must have orange tip or noticeable marker.
- No compressed gas cylinders, CO₂, air or any other propellant are allowed in the exhibit hall.
- Any cylinder used as part of the display must be drilled to render it inert and be tagged as such.
- Pellets, "BB's" or any other projectile for this platform may be displayed but must be made inaccessible.

Inert, 'toy, look-alike and imitation,' dummy and mock weapons, including BB, paintball, pellet-firing air guns, airsoft guns and other non-powder weapons

- All these items are to be delivered to and shipped from the VBC Dock.
- Those toy, look-alike and imitation weapons that fall within the purview of Title 15, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 272 (15 CFR 272) must be marked as indicated in that regulation.
- Spring-powered and battery-powered non-powder weapons and airsoft guns may be displayed; however, no BBs, paintballs, pellets, or other projectiles may be fired or expelled in the VBC.
- Gas-operated non-powdered weapons and airsoft guns may not be displayed.
- Hybrid/combo non-powdered weapons and airsoft guns, which combine features of spring-powered or battery-powered non-powder weapons & airsoft guns, and features of gas-operated non-powdered weapons and airsoft guns, may not be displayed.
- During show hours, these items must be secured in the same manner as actual firearms.
- During non-show hours, these items must be secured in a locked steel cabinet, including during move-in and move-out.
- Giveaways of toy, look-alike, imitation, dummy and mock weapons at exhibits are prohibited.

Firearm Inspections

Firearms will be inspected on Monday, May 12, from 8:00am – 5:00pm. Please make every effort to have your firearms available for inspection during these times to avoid unnecessary delays in opening your exhibit.

Hand-carrying Weapons

Hawaii permits [open carry](#) and [concealed carry](#) of handguns on the person with a Hawaii license to carry, which is only valid in the county of issue. The minimum age is 21 years old. Carrying a loaded firearm without a license to carry, whether openly or concealed, including in a vehicle, is a class B felony.

The Sheraton Waikiki Hotel requires any weapons being hand carried into the hotel must be inoperable and transported in a case. Failure to comply will cause you to be stopped by hotel security and not permitted into the facility.

Firearm/Weapon Load Out

Please visit the GES Service Desk to request special Empty Sticker labels to go on your firearm cases. Once you have unpacked your firearm cases and are ready for them to be stored by GES during the show, you will apply this sticker. This sticker will also indicate to GES that this case is to be stored onsite and delivered back to your booth at the break of the show as a priority.

Please make arrangements to remove your firearms out of the hotel the night the show closes. If you chose to not load out your firearms the night of show close, GES and AUSA assume zero liability for any theft or damages.