



# **TECHNOLOGY SERVICES EXHIBITOR ORDERING GUIDE AND FACILITY INFORMATION**

## **EATS25**

**OCTOBER 28-30, 2025**

**Advance Rate Deadline Date:**

**OCTOBER 7, 2025**

### **Complimentary WI-FI**

**Hi-Speed Complimentary Wi-Fi is available on the exhibit floor(s) for use by all participants at the event. We encourage the purchase of a hard-wired service if Internet access, speed or connectivity is mission critical to executing a successful presence (video streaming, product/technology demos, etc.)**

**[Click here to order Technology Services or go to www.mccormickplace.com](http://www.mccormickplace.com)**

**Please contact us if you need assistance.**

**(312) 791-6113 (Call Center)**

**[technology@mccormickplace.com](mailto:technology@mccormickplace.com) (E-Mail)**

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## Money Saving Tips

Following are some tips that will help contribute to a successful event and save you money!

- Order your services via our Online Ordering System by the **deadline date** at [McCormick Place Technology Services On Line Ordering](#)
- Provide floor plans with all service orders.
- If you are ordering Internet services, please call Technology Services at (312) 791-6113 to ensure the services you are ordering are correct for your needs.

	MONDAY-FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY/HOLIDAY
12:00am-5:59am	DT	12:00am-4:30pm OT for 1st Eight Consecutive Hours & DT Only After Eight Hours	DT
6:00am-10:00pm	ST for 1st Eight Consecutive Hours & OT Only After Eight Hours		
10:01pm-11:59pm	OT	4:31pm-11:59pm DT	

## EXHIBITOR BILL OF RIGHTS

An Exhibitor Employee may perform work in a booth of any size. They can work within the booth using their own ladders or hand tools, cordless tools, power tools and other tools designated by McCormick Place. **An exhibitor and exhibitor employees are prohibited, at all times, from using scooters, forklifts, genie lifts, pallet jacks, condors, scaffolding, scissor lifts, motorized dollies, or similar motorized or hydraulic equipment on Authority premises.**

“Exhibitor Employee” is defined as any person who has been employed by the exhibitor as a full-time employee for a minimum of 6 months before the show’s opening date. Proof of employment in the form of a W-2, payroll document or other documentation may be required upon request if deemed necessary by McCormick Place management. Documentation must be furnished within 24 hours of notification.

In addition to the work currently performed, exhibitors may also perform the following work within their booth:

- Setting-up and dismantling exhibits
- Assembling and disassembling materials, machinery or equipment
- Installing all signs, graphics, props, other decorative items and drapery, including the skirting of tables
- Delivering, setting-up, plugging-in, interconnecting and operating electrical equipment, computers, audio-visual devices and other equipment

- Skidding, positioning, and re-skidding all exhibitor materials, machinery and equipment using their own non-motorized hand trucks, non-hydraulic hand trucks and dollies

Exhibitors can load/unload materials from automobiles and small utility vehicles (ASUV) at designated McCormick Place docks using their own non-motorized, non-hydraulic hand trucks and dollies. For more information on the ASUV program, visit the Exhibitor section of the McCormick Place website: [McCormick Place ASUV Program](#)

**Please call 312-791-7299, if you have any questions or need clarification regarding the Exhibitor Bill of Rights. Leave a detailed message including Your Name, Company Name, Telephone Number, Date and Time of the call. Your call will be promptly returned between the hours of 7:00am – 6:30pm**

## EXHIBITOR RIGHTS “DO NOT APPLY” TO

To: McCormick Place Registered Contractors

Re: Exhibitor Rights **do not** apply to contractor personnel

All registered companies and contractors operating at McCormick Place must follow the State of Illinois Legislation regarding display installation/dismantling.

One of the significant changes in the legislation is that it allows “Full Time Exhibitor Personnel” to perform work on their display without any size limitation. This work includes the use of tools both hand and power tools and electrical work.

**IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT THE LEGISLATION DOES NOT ALLOW EXHIBITORS TO TRANSFER THEIR RIGHTS TO CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL.**

Any registered contractor who attempts to take advantage of these changes, created by the legislation, by posing as an exhibitor employee will incur serious consequences including the possible revocation of the “Right of Entry” agreement. It is the contractor’s responsibility to have a complete understanding of all jurisdiction rules and McCormick Place rules that apply to any specific work.

For more information visit the McCormick Place website: [www.mccormickplace.com](http://www.mccormickplace.com) or you may contact the following personnel:

Dean Hinderman	<a href="mailto:dhinderman@mccormickplace.com">dhinderman@mccormickplace.com</a>	773-709-7076
Pat Allen	<a href="mailto:pallen@mpea.com">pallen@mpea.com</a>	312-791-6551
Alichia Johnson	<a href="mailto:ajohnson@mpea.com">ajohnson@mpea.com</a>	312-791-7186

## EXHIBITOR BILL OF RIGHTS COMMUNICATION/ REVIEW PROCEDURE

Greetings Exhibitors:

The Exhibitor Bill of Rights grant an exhibiting company's employee permission to perform work in a booth of any size, using their own ladders, hand tools, cordless tools, power tools and other tools approved by McCormick Place. An employee is defined as one who has been employed by the exhibiting company for 6 months or longer.

Exhibitors can also load/unload materials from automobiles and small utility vehicles (ASUV) at designated McCormick Place docks using their own non-motorized, non-hydraulic hand trucks and dollies. For more information on the ASUV program, and to register, visit the Exhibitor section of the McCormick Place website: [McCormick Place ASUV Program](#)

The Exhibitor Bill of Rights is the protection of your rights and the right to request a review of your invoices. If you have any questions or feel that your exhibitor rights are not being complied with, please contact the following McCormick Place personnel via email or telephone. Be prepared to discuss the details of your experience and provide a written report and any documentation/invoices.

Exhibitor Rights Hotline		312-791-7299
Dean Hinderman	<a href="mailto:dhinderman@mccormickplace.com">dhinderman@mccormickplace.com</a>	773-709-7076
Pat Allen	<a href="mailto:pallen@mpea.com">pallen@mpea.com</a>	312-791-6551
Alichia Johnson	<a href="mailto:ajohnson@mpea.com">ajohnson@mpea.com</a>	312-791-7186

The following will occur upon request:

- You will be contacted within 5-7 business days
- Your case will be reviewed by McCormick Place management
- You will receive feedback from us no later than 30 days after all documentation has been submitted
- Your written report will be submitted to the McCormick Place Advisory Council for review

**CHICAGO IS NOW THE MOST CUSTOMER-FRIENDLY CONVENTION  
AND TRADE SHOW DESTINATION.  
WE WILL ENSURE THAT YOUR "EXHIBITOR'S RIGHTS" ARE COMPLIED WITH**

## Telephone Services

Once installed, telephone service is active 24 hours a day for the entire length of the event. The dial tone is deactivated the morning following the last day of the event. If you require service beyond that, please contact our Service Desk. Reactivating fees apply if service needs to be re-established.

The cost of our telephone service includes telephone usage\*. If applicable, telephone usage is billed after the close of the event and billed to your credit card. All telephone calls made from your telephone line once it is installed are your responsibility. Credit will not be given for telephone calls made over installed lines. To guard against unauthorized use, be sure to secure your telephone each night. Telephone usage will be billed to your credit card shortly after the close of the event. If you need a detail of all calls made, contact us at (312) 791-6113.

**Telecommunications Tax:** In the State of Illinois and the City of Chicago a Telecommunications Tax is required. These taxes are based upon current communications tax rates, and are subject to change without notice. Tax exemptions do not apply for these items.

**International Usage Deposit:** For internationally billed companies, a usage deposit of \$300.00 per line is required before “calling out” restrictions are lifted. Including the deposit at the time of your initial order will ensure that you will be able to call out as soon as you plug your telephone into the line. If your total usage is less than the usage deposit, the balance will be applied towards any outstanding charges.

## Description of Telephone Services

**Analog Single Line Service:** Includes the installation of a touch-tone line and rental of a single line telephone instrument. We do not require that you return the trim line telephone instruments.

**Extension - Single Line:** Is an extension of the main Single Line service. This would be ordered if you need one telephone number shared by two telephone instruments. This service is available only if you have ordered an Analog Single-Line Service.

**Digital Multi-Line Service:** Includes the installation of a touch-tone line and one multi-line telephone with a maximum capacity of up to seven appearances of the telephone line. Voicemail, if requested, is included along with fixed features such as hold, conference and transfer. These telephones instruments are to be returned to avoid being charged a telephone replacement fee.

**Extension - Multi-Line:** Is an extension of the Digital Multi-Line service. This would be ordered if you need one telephone number shared by two telephone instruments. This service is only if you have ordered a Digital Multi-Line service.

**Voicemail System:** Our system is designed to ensure that all incoming calls to your booth will always be answered. Voicemail is operational 24 hours a day for the duration of the event.

**Other Carrier Services:** Any service delivered by an outside vendor such as POT's (Plain Old Telephone), T1's and ISDN.

## Cable Television Access

(Available in North, South, and West Buildings only – limited access in Lakeside. Contact us to confirm availability)

We offer cable television services from Comcast. This includes all channels within the Comcast Business Service tier and the Sports Package. A comprehensive channel listing is available upon request. Damaged equipment can be charged to the customer at \$150/cable box and \$25/remote. Please ensure that you have the appropriate HDMI cable to connect to the cable box.

## Network Security at McCormick Place and Wintrust Arena

Please be aware that the McCormick Place staff provides no services around securing your data network. Referenced in our Terms and Conditions for Service is the following:

*10. **Internet Security Disclaimer.** The Authority does not provide security, such as, but not limited to, firewalls, for any Internet service it provides. It is the sole responsibility of the Customer to provide any necessary security. With execution of this document, Customer agrees to the Terms and Conditions of this Agreement and will hold the Authority, it's board members, officers, employees, agents, and consultants harmless for any and all liabilities arising from the use of non-secured Internet services.*

Our bandwidth delivery should be treated as you would any Internet provider's service. You will need to manage your own data and network security.

To provide some assistance to that end, please review the following helpful tips:

- Ensure that your computers have the latest Anti-Virus updates, ideally before arriving on site
- Apply all of the most recent operating system patches, ideally before arriving on site
- Utilize firewall software on all connected devices
- Utilize your own physical firewall(s) on each key VLAN
- Report issues immediately to both show management and facility IT representatives.
- Ensure that you do not attempt to troubleshoot physical issues by relocating network cables to a different switch, port, or wall jack
- Make sure you have the permissions for administrative rights for computers on which you might need to install programs or modify settings.
- Be aware that the facility's wireless network will have peer-to-peer turned off for security purposes. This can have an impact if wanting to utilize a wireless printing solution or work with IOT devices. The best options for printing are to either print with a wired network or utilize a printer that supports cloud printing such as Google Cloud Printing or a third party cloud print service. For Alexa and other IOT devices, internet mirroring via virtual assistants and other IOT devices is not possible on the facility wireless network. You must have your own dedicated Wi-Fi configured to accept these devices.

Please review the FTC's guidance for securing a wireless network. Although this document is meant for the home user, many of the same concepts will hold true;

**<https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0013-securing-your-wireless-network>**

If you have any questions please contact the Technology Services Department during the ordering process. We work closely with our customers to ensure that they have the best experience possible. We strive to provide a top caliber and very safe experience, however, please understand that we are unable to provide guarantees or warranties against malicious activities, and we are unable to provide guidance on what services or hardware you should use for network security.

## Internet Services

We also offer a full menu of Wired and Wireless Internet to meet a wide range of technical needs and budgets. All services include 24-hour access through the move-in, event/meeting days and move-out. The Technology Services department will work with you and your staff to meet your technical needs. There are no firewalls or filtering on our connection to the Internet. Please consider your vulnerabilities: make sure you have up-to-date anti-virus software installed on your computer and consider the use of a firewall for wired services (we offer firewalls for rental). All Internet prices are a flat rate for the duration of your event; no per minute usage or connection, charges apply. If you have Internet questions, call (312) 791-6113 or E-mail:

[technology@mccormickplace.com](mailto:technology@mccormickplace.com)

### Please note:

The State of Illinois and the City of Chicago require a non-exempt telecommunications tax for all telephone and Internet Services. These taxes are excise, and are not resale or sales tax exempt.

## Description of Wired Internet Services

The following chart highlights the wired services offered. Please note the number of additional IP addresses available with each wired service. All wired services are delivered via Category 5 or 6 wiring with RJ45 terminated ends. For wired services, you must supply a device with an Ethernet NIC (Network Interface Card), installed TCP/IP, and an Internet browser.

Service	Connection Speed	IP Addresses	Recommended Uses
Associate Class Shared Wired Service	Typical speeds up to 512 kbps	Includes 1 DHCP IP address	For an individual user who wants easy plug and play access to E-mail and light web surfing on one device. This service is not designed to consistently support streaming audio or video. <b>Connecting a wireless access point is not permitted on this service.</b>
Executive Class Shared Wired Service	Typical speeds up to 1 Mbps	Includes 2 DHCP Private IP addresses.	For a user who needs a little more bandwidth and the ability to access the internet over multiple devices with plug and play capability. Executive Class service can be used for light to moderate web surfing. <b>Connecting a wireless access point is not permitted on this service.</b>
Dedicated Wired 3.0 Mbps	3.0 Mbps	Includes 5 IP addresses. Up to 5 additional addresses can be purchased	3.0 Mbps. <b>Connecting a wireless access point is not permitted on this service.</b>
Dedicated Wired 6.0 Mbps	6.0 Mbps	Includes 10 IP addresses. Up to 10 additional addresses can be purchased.	6.0 Mbps. <b>Connecting a wireless access point is permitted on this service.</b>
Dedicated Wired 12.0 Mbps	12.0 Mbps	Includes 15 IP addresses. Up to 10 additional addresses can be purchased.	12.0 Mbps. <b>Connecting a wireless access point is permitted on this service.</b>
<b>Dedicated Services Greater than 12.0 Mbps - Please contact Technology Services at (312) 791-6113 or <a href="mailto:technology@mccormickplace.com">technology@mccormickplace.com</a> for a quote</b>			



## **Restrictions on Use of Outside Wi-Fi Equipment**

McCormick Place provides a robust highly-effective wireless solution which uses top of the line Cisco Access Points, Controllers, and the Cisco Prime Network Control System. For high density applications, we may augment the permanent system with additional Cisco wireless access points. McCormick Place has made this investment in order to offer our events the best possible wireless network solution. Deployment of unregulated outside wireless networks and equipment will decrease the overall quality of wireless internet in the facility. Under the best of circumstances, there are limited channels which all wireless equipment must operate on. When competing networks are placed in the same space, users encounter degraded service or the inability to access available networks. McCormick Place may offer a waiver to allow an exhibitor or show manager to provide their own wireless access point. A waiver will only be provided under the following conditions:

- The exhibitor or show manager must register their access point(s) using the McCormick Place Wi-Fi Waiver Form, and provide all required information at least 14 days in advance of the first move-in day for the show.
- The exhibitor or show manager must purchase a 6 Mbps or greater dedicated service from the facility for use with the access point.
- Any approved access points must be capable of manual power output and channel selection adjustments.
- The exhibitor or show manager must configure the approved access point to the requirements specified by the facility.
- Notwithstanding our best efforts to eliminate interference, if the exhibitor or show management provided unit interferes with the facility's Wi-Fi system, the user will be required to disable it. If the access points were registered with the facility, the user will receive a refund for their wired service (excluding any labor to set up their equipment) and be allowed to purchase Wi-Fi service on the facility network.
- If an exhibitor or show manager is found to be operating a non-approved wireless network using a McCormick Place wired service, the wired service will be terminated.
- Exhibitors or show managers who are granted a waiver will not have access to the facility Wi-Fi network for areas outside their broadcast area unless they purchase those services from the facility.

## **Read carefully before using outside wireless internet providers**

There are several vendors who currently provide small portable Wi-Fi systems which connect to a cellular carrier and provide Wi-Fi service to linked devices. While this may appear to be a great solution to an individual who wants to provide temporary Wi-Fi services they typically interfere with the Wi-Fi signal provided to users on the facility system. McCormick Place provides a competitively priced, exhibitor targeted Wi-Fi service which can be used throughout the facility and is supported by an in-house staff. In order to help our customers who need the type of service that is delivered by “internet in a briefcase” providers, McCormick Place has developed a service offering to deliver an improved version of what these outside providers sell, and do so at a lower net cost. The chart below compares a sample third party’s offering with McCormick Place’s improved service;

## Wireless Access Point Waiver

If you plan to utilize a wireless access point on a hard-wired service, please review this page carefully and submit the necessary information

McCormick Place is the exclusive provider of wired and IEEE Standard 802.11 Wireless (Wi-Fi) Internet Services in all McCormick Place Facilities except for the McCormick Place Hyatt Hotel and the Marquis Marriott Hotel.

McCormick Place may offer a waiver to allow an exhibitor to provide wireless service within their own booth/contracted space. A waiver will only be provided under the following conditions:

1. The exhibitor must register their access point(s) using the McCormick Place Wi-Fi Waiver Form, and provide all required information at least 30 days in advance of the first move-in day for the show.
2. The exhibitor must purchase a 6 Mbps or greater dedicated wired internet service from the facility.
3. Any approved access points must be capable of manual power output and channel selection adjustments.
4. The exhibitor must configure the approved access point to the requirements specified by the facility.
5. Notwithstanding our best efforts to eliminate interference, if the exhibitor provided unit interferes with the facility's Wi-Fi system, the exhibitor will be required to disable it. If the access points were registered with the facility, the exhibitor will receive a refund for their wired service (excluding any labor to set up their equipment) and be allowed to purchase Wi-Fi service on the facility network.

**If an exhibitor is found to be operating a non-approved wireless network using a McCormick Place wired service, their wired service will be terminated.**

Exhibitors who are granted a waiver will not have access to the facility Wi-Fi network for areas outside their broadcast area unless they purchase those services from the facility.

Please email the following information to [technology@mccormickplace.com](mailto:technology@mccormickplace.com) no later than 1 week prior to event move in.

- Event Name
- Company Name
- Contact information
  
- SSID
- AP MAC Address
- AP Manufacturer
- AP Model
  
- Intended 2.4 GHz Channel (1, 6, or 11)
- Intended 2.4 GHz Signal Strength
- Intended 5 GHz Channel
- Intended 5 GHz Signal Strength
- Intended Mounting Height:

## Placing an Order

When placing an order, pay particular attention to the **deadline date**. If you place your order by the deadline date, **you will save money**. Orders received after the **deadline date** or orders received without full payment will be billed at the standard rate.

The **Advance** rates apply when your **complete order, payment, and floor plan** are received by us on or before the deadline date. The **Standard** rates apply to all orders received after the deadline date (Late Order), orders received before the deadline date without full payment and floor plans (Partial Order), and all orders placed or changed on site (On-Site Order).

During the event you will receive an On-Site Invoice for your technology services including itemized inbound labor and non-itemized tear out labor. **You will remit payment for the On-Site Invoice at this time.** This invoice will not include any telephone usage. Telephone usage is calculated at the close of the event and charged to your credit card at that time.

## Payment Policy

The exhibiting firm is responsible for payment. If a third party (i.e. agent, exhibitor appointed contractor, etc.) is hired to handle display and/or billing for any services, the exhibiting firm agrees that they are responsible for payment of the charges in the event that the named third party (i.e. agent / exhibitor appointed contractor, etc.) does not discharge payment of the invoice prior to the last day of the show. All charges would then revert to the exhibiting company. All invoices are due and payable upon receipt by either party by the close of the event. For charges that are invoiced, payment is due upon receipt of invoice. Any charges unpaid 30 days after the invoice date will incur a finance charge of 1.5% per month, 18% annually, or the maximum legally allowable rate, whichever is lower. In addition, all future orders will be on a pre-paid basis only.

This payment policy agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with laws of the State of Illinois.

## Cancellation Policy

- For full cancellation of all technology services ordered and not yet installed, a cancellation fee in the amount of 10% of the value of the services ordered will be charged.
- For partial cancellation of technology services ordered, but not yet installed, no cancellation fees will be incurred.
- For partial cancellation of technology services ordered and installed, but not yet used by the exhibitor, the installation labor costs will be charged.
- For cancellation of a service that has been installed but not yet used, a 10% cancellation fee plus labor will be charged.
- For cancellation of telecommunication services that have been installed and used, the full cost will be charged.

## Limitation of Liability

Any liability of McCormick Place for the provision of services, or the failure to provide services or with respect to any claim, loss or cause of action arising from the provision of services or the failure to so provide is limited to the amount actually paid for the services in question.

# TECHNOLOGY SERVICES RATE SHEET

Effective June 1, 2025 - May 31, 2026  
Rates are subject to change without notice.

**DEADLINE DATE: OCTOBER 7, 2025**

[Click here to order Technology Services or go to \*\*www.mccormickplace.com\*\*](#)

DIGITAL WIRED INTERNET SERVICES		
Refer to page 8 for service descriptions.		
All services include installation of ONE 10Base T Network cable, terminated on an RJ45 end.	Advance Rate	Standard Rate
3401 - Associate Class	\$ 600.00	\$ 750.00
3402 - Executive Class	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,625.00

DEDICATED WIRED INTERNET SERVICES		
3405 - 3.0 Mbps Service	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
3406 - 6.0 Mbps Service	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
3407 - 12.0 Mbps Service	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 12,500.00
3354 - Additional TCP/IP Address	\$ 150.00	\$ 200.00

**Dedicated Services greater than 12.0 Mbps - Please call us at 312-791-6113**

**Connecting a wireless access point is permitted on 6.0 Mbps or greater.**

EQUIPMENT SERVICES		
3358 - 8 Port Hub Rental	\$ 125.00	\$ 160.00
3376 - 16 Port Hub Rental	\$ 200.00	\$ 250.00
3377 - 24 Port Hub Rental	\$ 250.00	\$ 315.00
3367 - Firewall Rental	\$ 625.00	\$ 780.00

LABOR ONLY SERVICES		
Additional wiring is done by our installers on a time and material basis. CAT 5 Cable is included in the labor rate.		
3359 - Technology Services Labor Only Use this service to request telecom labor for booth when there is no internet services required. Deposit charged - actual labor billed once work in completed.	\$	123.00
4007 - Back Out Lights Over Booth Use this service to request labor to back out lights, Deposit charged - actual labor billed once work in completed.	\$	123.00

TELEPHONE SERVICES		
Refer to page 6 for service descriptions.		
Single line and multi-line services include phone instruments.	Advance Rate	Standard Rate
3310 - Analog Single Line	\$ 290.00	\$ 435.00
3321 - Analog Single Line Extension	\$ 140.00	\$ 210.00
3315 - Digital Multi-Line	\$ 620.00	\$ 930.00
3322 - Digital Multi-Line Extension	\$ 315.00	\$ 475.00
3311 - Voice Mail (for Analog Single Line Only)	\$ 60.00	\$ 90.00
3319 - Other Carrier Services	\$ 265.00	\$ 398.00
3340 - Polycom Sound Station Must order a Analog Single Line service	\$ 210.00	\$ 210.00
3337 - Analog Single Line Speaker Phone Must order a Analog Single Line service	\$ 12.00	\$ 18.00
<b>Services includes:</b> Unlimited Free Toll-free and Local (Chicago Metro) calls 100 minutes on Domestic Long Distance at no charge We charge for all international calls		

CABLE TV SERVICES		
Service Available in South and West Buildings. Limited service available in North, please call 312-791-6113 to confirm location. No service in Lakeside.		
1560 - Cable Access	\$ 257.00	\$ 386.00
1570 - Additional Cable Access Connection - Must order Cable Access (Code 1560). Only one additional access permitted per Cable Access (Code 1560).	\$ 34.00	\$ 50.00

LABOR RATES	
Straight Time	\$ 123.00
Over Time	\$ 175.00
Double Time	\$ 227.00

**Be sure to check in at the Service Desk upon your arrival to notify our staff when you are ready for your service**

**TO AVOID BOOTH INSTALLATION CHARGES PLEASE BE SURE TO SUBMIT FLOOR PLANS ALONG WITH YOUR ORDERS.**

Please be sure to include the following items:

Company Name and Booth Number  
On-site name, cell number, and expected arrival date  
Equipment delivery and Flooring installation date.

## Terms and Conditions for Internet Services

**Pricing and taxes.** Customer agrees to pay the fees and other charges for Internet services and other services and products provided hereunder. The prices listed on this Agreement do not include Federal, State, or Local taxes. Taxes will be included on your bill.

1. **Additional costs.** The Authority reserves the right to bill the Customer for any additional cost the Authority incurs in:
  - a. assisting in trouble diagnosis or problem resolution found not to be the fault of the Authority or
  - b. collecting information required to complete the installation that customer fails to provide.
2. **Use of Internet Services.**
  - a. **Applicability.** Please read this acceptable use policy prior to using the service; by using the Wi-Fi service, you, the user, are agreeing to the terms of this acceptable use policy. You are responsible for any violation of this acceptable use policy or misuse of the service through the use of your device, even if the misuse was conducted by a third party or other end user with access to your device, whether permitted by you or not. It is your responsibility to secure your computer(s), and/or mobile device so that such misuse is prevented.
  - b. **Revisions to Policy.** McCormick place may revise this acceptable use policy from time to time without notice by posting any such revision on mccormickplace.com or any successor URL. Any revision of this acceptable use policy is effective immediately upon such posting. As such, you should regularly visit mccormickplace.com and review the posted acceptable use policy. In the event of a conflict between any user or customer agreement and this acceptable use policy, the terms of this acceptable use policy will govern.
  - c. **Violations.** McCormick place reserves the right to immediately terminate your access without notice at McCormick place's sole discretion if you or others who use your account violate this acceptable use policy. You agree to defend, hold harmless, and indemnify McCormick place, its manager, and their affiliates, directors, officers, employees, agents, licensees, and other partners and employees, from any loss, liability, claim, or demand, including reasonable attorney's fees, made by any third party due to or arising out of your breach of any provision of this acceptable use policy.
  - d. **Commercial Use.** If you have purchased and are using a VIP Wireless service, this paragraph 4 shall not apply to your use of Wi-Fi at McCormick Place. Wi-Fi Service is provided for personal use within McCormick Place. You agree that you will not use, nor allow others to use, the Wi-Fi Service to operate any type of business or commercial enterprise or to use the Wi-Fi Service as an Internet service provider. You agree that you will not use, nor allow others to use, your mobile device as a Web Server, FTP Server, file server or game server or to run any other server applications.
  - e. **No Reselling of Services.** User will not resell or redistribute, or allow others to resell or redistribute, access to the Wi-Fi Service in any manner, including by wireless means.
  - f. **No Illegal or Fraudulent Use.** You agree that you will not use, and not encourage or allow others to use, the Wi-Fi Service to violate any applicable federal, state, local or international laws orders or regulations. You agree that you will not use, nor allow others to use, the Wi-Fi Service to plan or commit, or encourage or help others to plan or commit, a crime, fraud or act of terrorism, including but not limited to posting or transmitting information, data or material that is unlawful, abusive, libelous, slanderous, obscene, profane, unlawful, threatening, or defamatory, posting or transmitting child pornography or obscene material, engaging in a pyramid, Ponzi or other illegal soliciting schemes, sending chain e-mail that request money or other items of value, illegal gambling, the offering for sale of illegal weapons or substances, the promotion or publication of any material that may violate hate crime laws, or exporting software or technical information in violation of U.S. export control laws. You agree to indemnify, defend and hold harmless McCormick Place and its affiliates, suppliers, and agents against all claims and expenses (including reasonable attorney fees) resulting from you engaging in any act prohibited by this Acceptable Use Policy or resulting from your violation of this Acceptable Use Policy. This paragraph will survive any termination or expiration of any applicable subscriber agreement.
  - g. **No Infringement of Intellectual Property Rights.** You agree that you will not use, nor allow others to use, the Wi-Fi Service to send or receive any information that infringes the intellectual property, including without limitation patents, trademarks, copyrights, trade secrets or proprietary rights of any other person or entity. This includes, but is not limited to digitized music, movies, books, photographs, art or other copyrighted materials or software.

## Terms and Conditions for Internet Services (continued)

- h. **No Threats of Harassment.** You agree that you will not use, nor allow others to use, the Wi-Fi Service to transmit any material that threatens or encourages bodily harm or destruction of property or which harasses, abuses, defames or invades the privacy or rights of any other person or entity.
  - i. **No Harm To and Protection of Minors.** You agree that you will not use, nor allow others to use, the Wi-Fi Service to harm or attempt to harm a minor, including but not limited to using the Wi-Fi Service to send pornographic, obscene or profane materials, or violating the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act.
  - j. **No Spamming.** You agree that you will not use, nor allow others to use, the Wi-Fi Service to send materials in a manner inconsistent with federal and state laws, including without limitation the CAN-SPAM Act of 2003 (15 U.S.C. §§ 7701-7713 and 18 U.S.C. § 1037). These materials include without limitation mass or bulk e-mail, numerous copies of the same or substantially similar messages, empty messages, or messages which contain no substantive content. We reserve the right, in our sole discretion, to determine whether such postings or transmissions constitute an advertisement, promotional material or any other form of solicitation in violation of such laws.
  - k. **No Hacking.** You agree that you will not use, nor allow others to use, the Wi-Fi Service to access the accounts of others or to attempt to penetrate security measures of the Wi-Fi Service or access any other person's computer or computer system, software, data, confidential or proprietary information of others without the owner's knowledge and consent ("hacking") or to cause a disruption of service to other on-line users. You agree that you will not use, nor allow others to use, tools designed for compromising network security, such as password guessing programs, cracking tools, packet sniffers or network probing tools.
  - l. **No System Disruption.** You agree that you will not use, nor allow others to use, the Wi-Fi Service to disrupt, restrict, destroy, impair or create any unusually large burden, disrupt any backbone network nodes or network service used by McCormick Place or others. You also agree that you will not use, nor allow others to use, the Wi-Fi Service to disrupt other Internet service providers or services, including but not limited to by e-mail bombing or the use of mass mailing programs, viruses, locks, keys, worms, Trojan horse or other harmful or debilitating feature; distribute mass or unsolicited e-mail, including commercial advertising, announcements or junk mail; or otherwise generate large levels of traffic sufficient to impede other's ability to send or receive information.
- 3. **No Impersonation of Forgery.** You agree that you will not, nor allow others to, impersonate another user, falsify one's user name, age, digital or manual signature or identity in e-mail or in any post or transmission to any newsgroup or mailing list or other similar groups or lists. You agree that you will not, nor allow others to, forge any message header of any electronic transmission, originating or passing through the Wi-Fi Service, or use an IP address not assigned to you.
  - 4. **No Abuse of Newsgroups.** You agree that will not, nor allow others to, post a similar item to more than three (3) newsgroups or mailing lists. You agree that you will not, nor allow others to, post or transmit any private, third party e-mail to any newsgroup or mailing list without the explicit approval of the sender.
  - 5. **No Viruses.** You agree that you will not use, nor allow others to use, the Wi-Fi Service to restrict, inhibit, or otherwise interfere with the ability of any other person to use or enjoy the Wi-Fi Service or any features of the Wi-Fi Service, any Equipment or the Internet, regardless of intent, purpose or knowledge, including, without limitation, by posting or transmitting any information or software which contain computer "viruses," worms, "Trojan horses" or other harmful software programs and that you will use your best efforts to prevent the unintentional transmission of such viruses.
  - 6. **Wi-Fi Monitoring.** McCormick Place reserves the right at any time to monitor bandwidth, usage, transmissions, and content on the Wi-Fi Service from time to time; to seek or identify violations of this Policy; and/or to protect the network, the Wi-Fi Service and McCormick Place users. McCormick Place may not, however, routinely monitor the activity of your Wi-Fi Service account for violations of this Acceptable Use Policy. McCormick Place's failure to enforce this Acceptable Use Policy, for whatever reason, shall not be construed as a waiver of any right to do so at any time. You agree that any portion of this Acceptable Use Policy held invalid or unenforceable will as much as possible be construed consistent with the intent and applicable law; the remaining portions of this Acceptable Use Policy will remain in full force and effect.
  - 7. **Wireless Specific.** The use of any wireless device that interferes with the facility wireless data frequency is prohibited.

## Terms and Conditions for Internet Services (continued)

8. **Performance Disclaimer.** The Authority does not warrant that the services provided hereunder will meet Customer's requirements or that Customer's access to and use of the services will be uninterrupted or free of errors or omissions. The Authority cannot and does not guarantee the privacy, security, authenticity and non-corruption of any information transmitted through, or stored in any system connected to the internet. The Authority shall not be responsible for any delays, errors, failures to perform, or disruptions in the Hosting services caused by or resulting from any act, omission or condition beyond the Authority's reasonable control. In situations involving performance or nonperformance of services furnished under this Agreement, Customer's sole remedy shall be a refund of a prorated portion of the price paid for services which were not provided. Credit will only be issued for periods of loss greater than 24 hours.
9. **Internet Security Disclaimer.** The Authority does not provide security, such as, but not limited to, firewalls, for any Internet service it provides. It is the sole responsibility of the Customer to provide any necessary security. With execution of this document, Customer agrees to the Terms and Conditions of this Agreement and will hold the Authority, its board members, officers, employees, agents, and consultants harmless for any and all liabilities arising from the use of non-secured Internet services.
10. **No Warranties.** The Authority makes no warranty of any kind with respect to services and products provided under this Agreement. The Authority disclaims all warranties, express and implied, including the warranties of Merchant ability and the fitness for a particular purpose.
11. **Limitation on Liability.** The Authority will not be liable for any damages Customer may suffer arising out of acts of God, use or inability to use the Authority's Internet services or related products unless such damages are caused by an intentional and willful act of the Authority. The Authority will not be liable for any special or consequential damages, or for loss, damage, or expense directly or indirectly arising from Customer's use or inability to use the system either separately or in combination with other equipment or software or for commercial loss of any kind, including loss of business profits, based upon breach of warranty, breach of contract, negligence, strict tort, or any other legal theory whether or not the Authority or its suppliers or its subcontractors have been advised of the possibility of such damage or loss. In no event shall the liability of the Authority exceed an amount equal to the price of products and services purchased by Customer during the twelve-month period preceding the event which caused the damages or injury.
12. **Indemnity.** Customer agrees to indemnify and hold the Authority, its board members, officers, employees, agents, and consultants harmless against any claim or demand by any third party due to or arising out of the use by Customer of Internet services and related products provided hereunder.
13. **Termination.** Customer's failure to comply with the terms and conditions of this Agreement will result in immediate termination of Internet services provided hereunder. Customer acknowledges that the Authority reserves the right to terminate this Agreement for convenience.
14. **Changes.** The Authority reserves the right to change these terms and conditions at any time. The terms and conditions in effect at the time of services are ordered shall apply.
15. **Miscellaneous.** This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement of the parties and supersedes any prior or contemporaneous agreements between the parties with respect to the subject of this Agreement. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Illinois without regard to its conflict of laws principles.



# 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. Upon proof of show management approval, an insurance disclaimer will need to be completed. Disclaimer forms can be obtained through the McCormick Place Risk Management Department at (312) 791-7113.
- 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 Risk Management Manager at (312) 791-7113.
- A City of Chicago Application for Temporary Animal Exhibition Permit must be obtained for all animals and pets in your exhibit. An application fee will apply. For more details please call (312) 791-7113

## Balloons, Radio-Operated Air Devices, Drones and Aircraft Landing

- 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 effect on the fire detection systems.
- Exhibitors are not permitted to use a drone within the Complex for proprietary and safety reasons.
- The City of Chicago does not allow small aircrafts to land within city limits, unless in designated locations.

## Smoking

- In accordance with the City of Chicago Fire Department and the City of Chicago, smoking and vaping are 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 Management Department 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.
- For 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 Life Safety Manager at (312) 791-6079.
- No hanging items are to be hung from any electrical fixtures, raceways, water, gas, air, fire protection, communication 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.

## Parking and ASUV Programs

### Exhibitor Guaranteed Parking

A limited number of guaranteed parking spaces are available by advance order of an Exhibitor Parking Permit. This permit allows access to the garages with in-and-out privileges. Parking spaces are guaranteed even if lots fill to capacity. For more details, please visit: [McCormick Place Parking](#)

### Self-loading/Unloading

- **Automobile and Small Utility Vehicle (ASUV) Program**
  - McCormick Place allows exhibitors to unload and load small privately-owned vehicles without hiring labor at designated areas in the building. Show management will determine the hours of operation for each event. We encourage exhibitors to participate in the ASUV program using one of the options listed on our website. Please visit us at ASUV for complete details.
- **Hand Carried Items**
  - Park the vehicle in any of the McCormick Place parking lots or garages and transport items using pedestrian building access to the show floor. Only non-motorized, non-hydraulic hand trucks and dollies may be used to transport items from your vehicle to the show floor. Parking fees will apply.

## Exhibit Hall Use and Guidelines

### McCormick Place Access Regulations (BEEP)

All Event Approved Contractors (EACs) or persons working on show floor must enter through one of the 3 Building Entry and Exit Procedure (BEEP) locations and receive/wear the wristband of the day.

This allows entry into McCormick Place buildings and must be adhered to regardless of credentialing system issued for floor access by event management.

The exception is for official exhibitors wearing show credentials - contractors working on the show floor to assemble and disassemble booths or similar type work should not be issued exhibitor credentials to circumvent this process.

## Fire Safety Regulations

- Fire Prevention reserves the right to make any final decisions regarding the outlined requirements, according to Section 2-36-220 of the Municipal Code of Chicago on Fire Prevention.
- Prior to the show opening and at any time during the event, the Fire Marshal may inspect the booths to ensure these requirements are met. If they are not, adjustments can be costly, and if a booth imposes a significant fire hazard, it will be prohibited from exhibiting.
- The Life Safety Manager at 312-791-6079 or [McpFireMarshal@mccormickplace.com](mailto:McpFireMarshal@mccormickplace.com) can answer any questions or provide a set of fire code information.

### Booth Staging

In addition to equipment and furniture placed within a booth space, exhibitors are allowed to stage the following items:

- Boxed or loose product, materials or literature.
- Fiber cases used to ship pop-up displays.
- Personal items such as luggage, purses, briefcases or coats.

The following restrictions must be observed when staging these additional items:

- The amount of product, materials or literature that may be staged within a booth space must not exceed a one-day supply.
- Items may be placed either in a display case, on a counter, on a shelving unit, in a closet, on a table, under a table or stacked neatly within the booth space.

## **Booth Staging (continued)**

- Items that are placed under a table must not protrude outside the table dimensions.
- Items that are stacked must not create a tripping hazard or hamper easy movement within the booth space.
- Items may not be placed on or within six inches of floor ports, electrical wiring or cabling.
- Pallets, empty crates, cartons and boxes may not be stored in the booth space.
- Staging will not be allowed behind the back wall of the booth and behind the drape within the booth.

## **Fire Retardancy**

Booth construction and decoration materials must be fire retardant. It is suggested that a certificate of retardancy be available at the show to prevent the need for possible on-site testing of the material. Fabrics must pass the NFPA-701 Code, and all other construction and decoration materials must pass the NFPA-703 Code as well as the UL-1975 test. General guidelines for material fire retardancy include:

- Backdrops, tents, canopies, dust and table covers, drapes and similar fabrics: These fabrics can often be made fire retardant by a dry cleaner that can issue a certificate of fire retardancy. Suppliers and/or display manufacturers can also provide a certificate included with the materials.
- Corrugated cardboard/display boxes: These materials can best be made fire retardant at a factory.
- Wood and wood by-products: If wood materials are not sufficiently fire retardant, a certified fire retardant specialist using pressure impregnation or similar impregnation method must treat them.
- Polyurethane foam, plastic and similar products.

## **Open Flame Devices**

Used for illumination or decoration, such as candles, gelled alcohol fuel fire bowls, firepots or fireplaces must comply with the following:

- Prior notification and review by McCormick Place, Fire & Safety Manager, the Fire Prevention Bureau, Fire Marshal, Authority having jurisdiction for each and every display.
- Must be contained inside a non-combustible enclosure that totally encapsulates the flame providing a measure of safety to the public.
- Must be positioned on a non-combustible surface with a 24-inch clearance of the flame device from any combustibles and booth back wall.
- Must have a mechanism available to quickly and safely extinguish the flame.
- Must have at least one multipurpose fire extinguisher rated minimum 2 – A :10- B:C strategically located with the booth.
- Booth personnel should be familiar with the operation of the fire extinguisher.
- Booth personnel must be in attendance whenever the device is in use.
- Maximum one-day supply of the replacement fuel allowed in booth.
- Device must be allowed to cool before refueling.
- Flame must be extinguished ½ hour prior to closing.

## **Hazardous Demonstration/Display Materials/Pyrotechnics**

When designing demonstrations and displays, note that the following devices require pre-approval by McCormick Place and the Chicago Fire Department.

- Lasers, open flames (including candles)
- Smoke-producing devices
- Indoor Pyrotechnics have special permitting procedures through the City of Chicago Fire Prevention Bureau. Contact the Fire & Safety Manager.
- Heating appliances
- Welding, brazing or cutting equipment
- Radioactive materials
- Compressed gas or compressed liquid cylinders if applicable used in the booth must be securely anchored to prevent toppling.

## **Hazardous Demonstration/Display Materials/Pyrotechnics (continued)**

- Gasoline, kerosene or other flammable, toxic liquid, solid or gas
  - A limited supply of these fuels may be stored in the demonstration device but cannot be stored overnight.
  - All fuel transfers must use safety cans.
  - When displaying a flammable or combustible labeled product, the display container shall be empty. Up to two aerosol cans may be used for demonstration purposes only.

Approval requests must be sent in 60 days before move-in of the event. The request must state how the demonstration will avoid hazards to people or nearby objects. Plexiglas or similar protection is required whenever sparking may occur. Fire extinguishers will also be required.

Any chemical, substance or material deemed hazardous by O.S.H.A. requires pre-approval and must be accompanied with the appropriate M.S.D.S. McCormick Place Fire Safety Office will need copies of the M.S.D.S. before the materials arrive.

## **Prohibited Materials**

The following items are fire-hazardous and prohibited in McCormick Place:

- All flammable compressed gases, such as propane and butane
- Explosives and live ammunition
- Untreated Christmas trees, cut evergreens or similar trees
- Fireplace logs and similar materials
- Charcoal
- Untreated mulch, Hay, Straw, Bamboo and Spanish moss

## **Cooking and Heat-Generating Devices**

- If cooking or heating appliances will be used, they must be powered electrically or by natural gas. Stoves and heaters for booth usage must be UL listed/approved and also be adequately ventilated. Nothing combustible may be placed near any heat-producing appliance. A UL listed/approved, 2 – A :10 – B : C ABC-type fire extinguisher is required in such exhibits.

## **Exhibits or Product Displays in Meeting Rooms**

- Storage of combustible materials in meeting rooms, ballrooms or service corridors is prohibited.

## **Fire Hose Cabinets, Pull Stations, Aisles and Exits**

- Each of these fire safety supports must be visible and accessible at all times. Adjustments to space and equipment may be required.
- Chairs, tables, and other display equipment must be clear of all aisles, corridors, stairways, and other exit areas.

## **Vehicle Displays**

- Any vehicle or other apparatus that has a fuel tank and is part of a display, is required to be equipped with a locking (or taped) gas cap and can contain no more than 1/8 tank of fuel.
- Once the vehicle has been positioned, it cannot be moved until move-out begins, without prior approval by the Fire & Safety Manager or Designee.
- Battery cables must be disconnected once the vehicle is positioned. The engine cannot be operated during show hours.
- Refueling must be done off property.

## **Multi-Level Booths or Ceilings (including tents)**

Double-decker booths or booths with ceilings (including tents) were previously required to be equipped with fire safety devices. However, our Fire Safety Department and major show contractors have worked with the Chicago Fire Department to develop specific codes for the trade show environment that would offer a safe and cost-effective alternative to sprinklers. These specific requirements apply to all exhibits that have a ceiling or second story.

## Multi-Level Booths or Ceilings (including tents) continued

Booths fall into one of the five following booth formats:

- Format 1: Exhibits with two stories under 225 square feet
- Format 2: Exhibits with two stories at or over 225 square feet
- Format 3: Exhibits with ceilings under 225 square feet
- Format 4: Exhibits with ceilings at or over 225 square feet
- Format 5: Multiple-level exhibits, which require automatic sprinklers or any of the above exhibits with installed automatic sprinklers. Separate fire code items apply.

For booth formats 1 through 4, you will need to comply with the fire code items marked yes on the following table:

Fire Code Compliance – Exhibits with Multiple Levels or Ceilings				
Fire Code Item	Booth Format			
	1	2	3	4
1. Maximum Dimensions	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
2. Second Level	Yes	Yes	No	No
3. Exit Stairways	Yes	Yes	No	No
4. Smoke Detectors	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
5. Fire Extinguishers	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
6. Posted Certificate of Fire Retardancy	No	Yes	No	Yes
7. Certified Approval	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
8. Fire Marshal Review	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

For exhibits, using automatic sprinklers, the amount and type of sprinkler coverage needed depends on the booth specifications. If automatic sprinklers are preferred, or are required, contact our Fire Safety Office to discuss your options.

### Fire Code Items for Multiple Level Booths

- **Maximum Dimensions:** To avoid the sprinkler requirement, your exhibit must be less than or equal to 2 levels high (maximum 30-foot elevation) or 5,000 square feet of enclosed area.
- **Second Level:** Second levels must remain open and uncovered. If they are covered, sprinkler protection will be required. Booths with a third level or more must also have special sprinkler coverage.
- **Staircases:** Staircases between levels must be in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and meet the following requirements:
  - Minimum of 3 feet in width
  - Provide a handrail on at least one side
  - Provide handrails a maximum of 1-1/2 inches in circumference and turned into walls
  - Not be spiral or winding
  - If the top deck is designed to hold over 10 people, or exceeds 1,200 square feet in area, a second staircase is required which must be remote from the main staircase and meet the same construction requirements.
- **Smoke Detectors:** All areas under the second level or ceiling, including closets, need to be equipped with a UL approved (or similarly approved), battery-operated smoke detector. If this space is enclosed after hours, the smoke detector must be audible outside the enclosed area.
- **Fire Extinguishers:** A UL-approved (or similarly approved) 2-1/2-pound ABC-type fire extinguisher must be posted in a clearly visible and readily accessible area for each 500 square-foot enclosure.
- **Posted Certificate of Fire Retardancy:** A certificate verifying the fire retardancy of your booth construction materials must be posted in a conspicuous place within the exhibit.
- **Certified Approval:** After the booth has been designed, the blueprints must be approved and stamped by a licensed professional structural engineer. These blueprints should include dimensions and an isometric rendering. This approval applies to all booth formats outlined previously.

## Fire Code Items for Multiple Level Booths (continued)

- **Fire Safety Review:** Send stamped blueprints to McCormick Place for review with the Fire Safety Division and by the Chicago Fire Department, Fire Prevention Bureau at least 60 days before the show opens to allow sufficient time for any needed corrections. Be sure that plans show dimensions and an isometric rendering of your exhibit. In addition, all areas requiring sprinkler protection must be highlighted. If plans are not provided on time, it may cause delays or disapproval of your booth to occur during the pre-show fire inspection.
- **Fire Guards:** Once a multiple level booth or a booth with a ceiling is built and completed, and whenever the exhibit or show is closed for business, special fire watch coverage is required. Use of individuals designated as fireguards is subject to prior approval by the McCormick Place Fire & Safety Manager.
- **Americans with Disabilities Act:** All exhibits must comply with the ADA. For information on compliance, contact the McCormick Place Fire Safety Manager.

## Hazardous Materials Management

Neither McCormick Place Housekeeping Department nor your official service contractor manages hazardous material removal. However, your Event Manager can provide contractor names specializing in this service. Exhibitors are responsible to make their own arrangements.