

Union Jurisdictions In The San Francisco Bay Area

You may appreciate knowing in advance that union labor may be required for certain aspects of your exhibit handling. To help you understand the jurisdiction the various unions have, please read the following:

Display labor

By definition, the installation or dismantling of exhibits which requires the use of hand tools, or takes one person more than 30 minutes, or exceeds ten feet in any direction, falls within the jurisdiction of the Local 510 of the Sign Display and Crafts Union. You can handle and set out the products you manufacture; however, all background materials - display boards, backdrops, stands - anything the products are displayed upon, attached to, or made part of, and laying of floor tile and carpets must be installed by union labor. Labor can be ordered in advance by returning the Display Labor order form, or on show site at Freeman Service Center.

Material handling

The Teamsters Union Local 2785 (and Local 287 for shows in San Jose) has jurisdiction over all unloading and reloading of materials. The Union also has jurisdiction over the operation of all material handling equipment - this includes all dollies and hand trucks. You may hand carry only what you can manage by yourself (one person) in one trip, using no equipment. Since hand carried materials may not come through the freight entrance, show management will designate a specific entrance for hand carried items. Current union jurisdiction precludes hotel personnel from delivering material to exhibit booths.

Electrical

IBEW Electricians jurisdiction covers all electrical labor for each booth including but not limited to, cable distribution under your carpet or flooring, and throughout the booth structure. Included are connections & hardwiring of all electrical equipment, (e.g. 208volt & higher services, panels, motors, and audio visual equipment), installation of all lighting hung from truss or beams & distribution of all cabling throughout the booth & truss structures. (San Francisco includes the lighting truss assembly and hanging) All stage hand labor used in the exhibit area will be supplied through Freeman with exception of their company representative/supervisor. Unless contracted directly with the in-house AV / Internet provider, all data and coaxial cable run within the booth, overhead or on the floor will be installed by our electricians. Electrical services are provided on a time and material basis and cannot be performed by other unions, I&D houses or Exhibitors.

Tipping

Freeman requests that exhibitors do not tip our employees. They are paid an excellent wage scale denoting a professional status, and we believe that tipping is not necessary. This applies to all Freeman employees. Any request for such should be brought to the attention of a Freeman Representative at Freeman Service Center.

Safety

Standing on chairs, tables or other rental furniture is prohibited. This furniture is not engineered to support your standing weight. Freeman cannot be responsible for injuries or falls caused by improper use of this furniture. If assistance is required in assembling your booth, please order labor on the Display Labor order form and the necessary ladders and tools will be provided.

In general

Craftsmen at all levels are instructed to refrain from expressing any grievances or directly challenging the practices of any exhibitor. All questions arising with regard to the Union's jurisdiction or practices must be directed to a FREEMAN management representative.