

Union Jurisdictions for the Texas Local Unions

The following guidelines apply in the Texas region:

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

Material handling local union labor

The Local Union has jurisdiction for the operation of all material-handling equipment, all unloading and reloading, and the handling of empty containers. Exhibitors may unload their own personal vehicles provided they do not use any material handling equipment (forklifts, flatbeds, dollies, pallet jacks, etc.). Freeman will control access to the loading docks in order to provide for a safe and orderly move-in/move-out.

Installation & dismantle labor - local union labor

The Local Union has jurisdiction for the installation and dismantling of all exhibits including carpet, furniture, and hanging signs. All hired labor must belong to the Local Union. Labor can be ordered in advance by ordering online or at show site, at the Freeman Service Center.

Three options for installation and dismantle labor exist in Texas. Labor may be:

- Performed by full-time employees of the exhibiting company; or
- Hired through Freeman, the official general service contractor; or
- Hired through an exhibitor-appointed contractor

Please note:

- Please do not tip any employee. Do not give coffee breaks, union employees have a fifteen-minute paid break mid-morning and mid-afternoon. Any attempt by an employee to solicit a gratuity for any service should be reported immediately to Freeman and/or Exhibit Management. Union employees are paid a good wage scale, and tipping is strongly discouraged and is not an accepted policy of any Official Service Supplier.
- If you encounter any difficulty with any laborer, or if you are not satisfied with the work performed, please bring this to the attention of Freeman. Please refrain from voicing complaints directly to craft personnel.
- The person in charge of your exhibit should carefully inspect and sign all work orders. If there are any questions about any bills, bring the bill to the appropriate Freeman Service Center and discuss it with the person in charge.