



BOOTH DESIGN & DISPLAY GUIDELINES

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BOOTH HEIGHT LIMITS

The type of booth you have contracted for will determine the allowable height for your exhibit.

Please see [Booth Display Diagrams](#) for illustrations and additional details.

Standard 10 Foot Deep Booth (linear or inline)

Definition: One or more 10'x10' (3.05m by 3.05m) units in a straight line

Height: **Front 5'** (1.52m) of booth cannot exceed **4'** (1.22m) in height (exhibit fixtures, components and identification signs)

Back 5' (1.52m) of booth cannot exceed **8'** (2.44m) in height (exhibit fixtures, components and identification signs)

Intent: Each exhibitor is entitled to a reasonable sight-line from the aisle. Exhibit spaces of 30 linear feet (9.14m) or more may use floor space 10' (3.05m) from adjacent booths for 8' (2.44m) high displays. Limiting the display fixture's height and location is to accommodate the sight-lines of neighboring exhibitors.

Exception: Booths 10'x40' (400 square feet) and larger are permitted up to 12' (3.66m) in the rear 5' (1.52m) of the booth as long as the back side of any structure over 8' (2.44m) is free from trademarks, graphics and/or logos.

Perimeter Wall Booth

Definition: One or more 10'x10' (3.05m by 3.05m) units in a straight line located on the perimeter walls.

Height: **Front 5'** (1.52m) of booth cannot exceed **4'** (1.22m) in height (exhibit fixtures, components and identification signs)

Back 5' (1.52m) of booth cannot exceed **12'** (3.66m) in height (exhibit fixtures, components and identification signs)

Intent: Because the outer perimeter booths do not back up against another exhibitor's booth, display back walls and materials will not interfere with or distract from any other exhibitor booth.

Peninsula Booth

Definition: Open on three sides and sharing a common wall with 2 other linear booths on the fourth side.

Height: Exhibit fixtures, components, and attached identification signs are permitted to a maximum height of **20'** (6.10m) except along the perimeter of the common wall. **Exhibit must create a set-back 5' (1.52m) from each aisle**, which does not exceed 4' (1.22m) high. This set back must also extend 5' (1.52m) from the common wall into the booth space. Double-sided signs, logos, and graphics higher than 8' (2.43m) must be set back 10' (3.05m) from adjacent booths.

Intent: Allows for an adequate sight line for adjoining linear booths.

Split Island Booth

Definition: Is a Peninsula Booth that shares a common back-wall with another Peninsula Booth.

Height: The entire cubic content may be used, up to a maximum height of **20'** (6.10m). Double-sided signs, logos, and graphics higher than 8' (2.43m) must be set back 10' (3.05m) from adjacent booths.

Island Booth

Definition: Four or more 10'x10' (3.05m by 3.05m) units, with a minimum side dimension of **20'** (6.10m), one or more display levels, and aisles on all four sides.

Height: Exhibit fixtures and components are permitted to a maximum height of **20'** (6.10m)

IAAPA reserves the right in its sole judgment to prohibit or close any demonstration or activity by any exhibitor that results in obstruction of booth line-of-sight and/or access to a nearby exhibitor's booth by either attendee/buyers or exhibitors.

HANGING BANNERS/SIGNS

Exhibitors in Linear/Perimeter Booths are not authorized to have hanging banners / signs / equipment.

Exhibitors in an Island, Peninsula or Split Island booth, 400 square feet and larger, can hang a banner/sign over their booth with the following rules:

- All signage must be contained within the contracted booth space.
- Hanging signage must be set back at least 10' (3.05m) from adjacent booths.
- Rigging (installation) of signs will be completed by the Orange County Convention Center. See the aerial [Rigging order form](#).
- A drawing or blueprint of the proposed banner/sign must be sent with the aerial [Rigging form](#).
- Hanging banner/signs may extend to a maximum height of 25' (7.62m), from the floor to the top of the banner.

Signs that are supported from below (not hanging) must comply with all ordinary use-of-space requirements (the highest point of any supported sign should not exceed the maximum allowable height for the booth type: Peninsula, Split Island, and Island Booths 20' (6.10m).

CANOPIES AND CEILINGS

Canopies for Linear or Perimeter Booths should comply with line of sight requirements. The bottom of the canopy should not be lower than 7' (2.13m) from the floor within 5' (1.52m) of any aisle. Canopy supports should be no wider than 3 inches (.08m).

MULTI-LEVEL OR COVERED EXHIBITS

The design for multi-level exhibits, no matter the size, or covered exhibit booths, including theaters, must include: flame-retardant materials, a smoke detector, and a hand-held fire extinguisher.

ALL multi-level exhibits and covered booths with over 300 sq ft (total space) covered require Fire Watch. See the [Multi-Level and Covered Booth Conditions](#) for additional requirements and the application. The application must be completed and sent to the [OCCC](#) with support materials by **Friday, September 29.**

FIRE WATCH

Orange County Fire Rescue Services Department requires Fire Watch personnel for ALL multi-level exhibits and those having 300 total square feet or more of covered area. The following guidelines apply:

- Those exhibits requiring Fire Watch will be determined by the Orange County Convention Center Fire Marshal from the Orange County Fire Rescue Services Department.
- Exhibitors who require Fire Watch will be notified on-site (there is no way of determining all those exhibitors who require this service in advance).
- Fire Watch personnel must be on duty in the area of your booth during all show hours.
- Fire Watch expenses will be paid by IAAPA if an exhibitor submits the [Multi-Level and Covered Booth](#) Application to the [OCCC](#) by **Friday, September 29.**
- IAAPA will bill exhibitors that do not submit the above application by September 29, for Fire Watch after the Trade Show, if it is required for their booth.

EXHIBITOR PRODUCING EMISSIONS OR WASTE

Exhibitors whose product produces fumes, gases or waste such as fog, confetti or bubbles, (but not limited to these examples,) must keep these emissions and products contained *within their booth!* This means that all emissions need to be vented, trapped or collected so as not to impact on any neighboring booths. Non-compliance will lead to your product being turned off and/or having your booth closed. IAAPA reserves the right in its sole judgment to prohibit or close any display or activity because of noise, odors, or other disturbing features, or which may be offensive to other exhibitors or attendees.

INFLATABLES & INFLATABLE TUBES

All exhibitors, including **inflatables** may only utilize 75% of contracted space leaving 25% of the footprint of their booth space free and clear and most of this open space should be open on the side of the closest or adjoining exhibitors. Due to the size and number of inflatable companies, exhibitors in this market should expect to be placed in similar positions or near competition on the show floor. Exhibitors displaying inflatables or inflatable products that require a blower must be within the Inflatable Pavilion or in the outside exhibit space. Non-compliance will lead to your product being turned off and/or having your booth closed. **All exhibitors displaying inflatable products MUST provide a diagram of their booth space, no later than Friday, September 15.** See the [Booth Design Form](#) for instructions.

BLOWERS USED FOR INFLATABLES OR OTHER PRODUCTS

All blowers (inside and outside) must be turned off nightly after the daily trade show hours, including move-in, show hours, and move-out. If it is left on, it will be shut off after Expo hours by IAAPA safety inspectors immediately, without notice. IAAPA will not be responsible for any damage that may occur.

- Exhibitors displaying a non-inflatable product but using a blower must use no more than ¾ horse power and include a noise cancelling device if displayed outside the Inflatable Pavilion, inside the show floor. Inflatables or inflatable products that require a blower must be within the Inflatable Pavilion or in the outside exhibit space. Non-compliance will lead to your product being turned off and/or having your booth closed.
- All blowers used at any time must be clearly labeled as UL or ETL approved or carry a comparable acceptable designation. All blowers must have a built in thermal overload protection. (IAAPA will have final decision rights on acceptance of comparable designations).
- All blowers are to be checked periodically throughout the day by the exhibitor.
- As per most manufacturer handbooks, blowers need to be plugged in to a GFCI outlet. GFCI outlets can be rented on the [Electrical order form](#).
- IAAPA's trade show safety inspectors will be inspecting blowers daily to make sure there is adequate ventilation area around the blowers. All blowers must be kept free and clear of displays, boxes and anything that could restrict or impede the flow of air to the blower. No flammable material is to be under or next to a blower.
- Any box or device used to dampen the sound of the blower must have been designed and manufactured for this purpose and have adequate space and ventilation for the blower and must be free of anything else inside the case. No extension cords can be stored in the box. IAAPA safety inspectors have the right to reject any of these boxes or devices.

If you wish to request a variance to operate your blower(s) all night, please contact Show Management by **Friday, September 8** at exhibitors@IAAPA.org.

CARPET / FLOOR COVERING

NEW! All indoor exhibits must have carpet or some form of floor covering over their booth space with no exposed flooring. Nine foot pieces of carpet are no longer approved for linear/perimeter booths. See the [Carpet order form](#).

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For an exhibiting firm to cover an aisle with their own choice of carpet, or to cross over the aisle with a sign, archway or any other structure, the exhibitor must occupy three adjacent islands that together total more than 3,000 net sq. ft. Additionally, only the aisles that are between the islands, and that border the side of each island and have the greatest dimension may be crossed. Please contact exhibitors@IAAPA.org.

DAMAGE TO BUILDING

No nails, bolts, tack, screws, or holes shall be drilled, cored, or punched into any surface of the Orange County Convention Center including walls, columns, or flooring (inside and out).

BALLOONS AND LIGHTER THAN AIR OBJECTS

Any exhibitor intending to utilize balloons or other lighter than air objects, is required to obtain approval from the Orange County Convention Center. Helium balloons may not be used as giveaways. A Retrieval Fee will be charged for any escaped lighter-than-air objects. Please see the [Balloons & Lighter-than-Air Objects Agreement](#).

FIREWORKS, PYROTECHNICS AND LASERS

All exhibitors displaying or demonstrating fireworks, pyrotechnics, lasers or other special effects, must submit a [permit](#) to the Orange County Fire Rescue. To maintain a safe environment for all attendees and exhibitors, the following provisions are in place:

- Lasers must be projected onto a non-reflective surface with lasers being mounted 8 – 12 feet off the ground and projected in such a way to avoid purposeful or accidental eye contact.
- All lasers must be installed in accordance with International Electrotechnical Committee (IEC) regulations
- Lasers may only be projected in contracted booth space or perimeter wall space nearest your booth (with IAAPA written consent).
- Laser projections may NOT include exhibiting company name/reference, logo or booth number. The IAAPA logo or Attractions Expo logo may be displayed.
- Exhibitors demonstrating lasers MUST contact the Orange County Fire Rescue - Office of the Fire Marshal at +1 (407) 836-0070 for specific instructions on laser demonstrations at the Orange County Convention Center.
- Exhibitors must complete the Orange County Convention Center [Permit Application for Indoor Display of Fireworks, Pyrotechnics and Special Effects](#).

OUTSIDE EXHIBIT BOOTHS

Outside exhibit booths have different requirements from indoor booths. Outdoor booths...

- Are not required to provide carpeting/floor covering over the booth space.
- Are not required to submit a booth design. Select that your booth is under “20’x20’ in size” in the online [Booth Design Submission](#).
- Can have product over more than 75% of the contract booth space, but booth staff and all display components must be within the contracted booth space.
- If you plan to include a tent covering partial or all of the booth must review the [Outside Tent Guidelines](#) and possibly apply for a permit.
- Are not permitted to attach or stake into the surface of the parking lot without permission of IAAPA and the OCCC. Please contact exhibitors@IAAPA.org.
- Have limited access to [water and drain](#) service. Any drainage cannot impact other booths.

Questions about the booth design/display guidelines should be directed to exhibitors@IAAPA.org.