



## WEAPONS, CANNABIS & DRUG PARAPHERNALIA

To assist you in planning and managing your exhibition at McCormick Place, we wish to bring to your attention laws that affect event activity. The display or sale of weapons, cannabis and drug paraphernalia is regulated in all states. These same laws apply to exhibitions as well as retail enterprises. The following information summarizes the intent. You and your exhibitors need to be aware of these codes; any display activity will be closed immediately. If you have questions, please contact your Event Manager.

### WEAPONS

The sale and/or distribution of deadly weapons is unlawful in the City of Chicago unless the potential seller has obtained a weapons dealer license from the City of Chicago. Deadly weapons include, but are not limited to, pistols, revolvers and other firearms, daggers, stilettos, billy clubs, derringers, bowie knives, dirks, stun guns or tasers or other deadly weapons that can be concealed on the person. See Chapter 4-144 of the City of Chicago Code of Ordinances. This same ordinance also prohibits the display of deadly weapons in showcases or show windows, on counters or in any public manner.

Possession of firearms in the City of Chicago is also strictly regulated. Firearms may be possessed only by law officers and members of the military in the performance of their duties. They may also be possessed by other persons in limited circumstances such as: manufacturers or transporters when weapons are not accessible and persons transporting weapons in a nonfunctioning state. See Chapter 8-20 of the City of Chicago Code of Ordinances. Generally, carrying a concealed weapon is illegal.

This is not meant to be an exhaustive list of all laws, statutes, ordinances and regulations relating to deadly weapons. All persons using McCormick Place property are required to comply with all laws, statutes and ordinances and there may be others that are also relevant to the issue. For the safety of everyone we have *posted at the entrance of each building throughout the Convention Center* signs "No firearms or weapons allowed on the property. The Illinois Code 430 ILCS 66/1, The sign in its entirety will measure 4 in x 6 in. McCormick Place Security and Loss Control have final approval.

## CANNABIS

Cannabis related shows must be limited to attendees and exhibit staff 21 years, and these shows may be required to agree to specific terms and conditions relating to the event, including, but not limited to, additional security staffing.

McCormick Place will strictly enforce the following in accordance with Illinois State law:

- Consumption of marijuana or cannabis-related products, except for cannabidiol (CBD) products, will not be allowed within McCormick Place.
- McCormick Place's smoking policy (see below) extends to non-tobacco related products, such as cannabis.
- McCormick Place is not a licensed dispensary for the sale of cannabis under Illinois law, therefore, retail sale, trade and sampling of any cannabis-related products is not allowed.
- The consumption display or sale of cannabidiol (CBD) products is permissible if done in compliance with applicable Federal, State and local law.

## DRUG PARAPHERNALIA

Unless otherwise authorized by the Drug Paraphernalia Control Act (720 ILCS 600/1 et seq.) or the Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act (410 ILCS 705/1 et seq.), as amended respectfully, the sale of drug paraphernalia is unlawful in the State of Illinois. Drug paraphernalia includes, but is not limited to, kits for manufacturing, processing or preparing a controlled substance, isomerization devices, testing equipment, objects used for ingesting or inhaling a controlled substance (e.g. water pipes, bongs, miniature cocaine spoons). See 720 ILCS 600/1 et. seq. and Chapter 7-24, Article II of the City of Chicago Code of Ordinances.

This is not meant to be an exhaustive list of all laws, statutes, ordinances and regulations relating to drug paraphernalia. All persons using McCormick Place property are required to comply with all laws, statutes, ordinances and regulations and there may be others that are also relevant to the issue. McCormick Place Security and Loss Control have final approval.