

Policy Statement on Dismantling Exhibits Prior to the End of GEAPS' Exchange Exposition

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GEAPS' Associates Board and International Executive Committee*

Agreement to Exhibit During the Entire Exposition

When they contract for exhibit space at GEAPS' Exchange, exhibitors are agreeing under the terms of the contract, to occupy their exhibit space "during the entire exposition."

GEAPS believes fulfillment of this agreement is critical to maintaining the value and appeal of our exposition. Our objective is to satisfy the expectation that a delegate viewing exhibits on the last day of the exposition will experience as complete and high-quality a show as a delegate viewing exhibits on opening day.

Dismantling Early Due to Emergency

If a business or personal emergency requires an exhibitor to dismantle their display and vacate their exhibit space before the end of the show, the exhibitor must inform GEAPS staff. Staff will advise the exhibitor how to proceed, and will arrange for dismantling of the display after exhibit hours have ended for the day if possible. Staff will take additional steps as appropriate to minimize the impact of the early departure on the show — for example, refurnishing the booth as a lounge.

Consequences of Violating this Policy

Exhibitors who dismantle and depart before the exposition has ended — without informing GEAPS staff — will be contacted by GEAPS' International President. The President will remind the exhibitor of this policy and the importance to GEAPS of having exhibitors present for the entire show.

Exhibitors who have not only neglected to communicate with GEAPS staff, but have also dismantled during exhibit hours, will be referred to the Expo On-Site Committee (EOC). The EOC may apply a penalty of prohibiting the company from exhibiting at the next GEAPS Exchange. Likewise, exhibitors who repeatedly claim emergencies will be referred to the EOC for penalty considerations.