



# SHIPPING VERSUS MATERIAL HANDLING

## WHAT IS SHIPPING?

Shipping is the process of a carrier picking up your items from your office or place of origin and transporting it to the dock of either the advance warehouse or facility dock of your event. It is separate from Material Handling. Exhibitors may use any carrier they want, including Shepard Logistics.



## WHAT IS MATERIAL HANDLING?

Material Handling is the process of receiving your shipment from your carrier and managing it through the event cycle. It is a standard tradeshow process and it is a chargeable fee typically based on the weight of your shipment. Don't forget to add Material Handling to your budget!



### ONE EASY WAY TO KEEP YOUR CHARGES LOWER?

**Consolidate, Consolidate,  
Consolidate!**

*Skid items as much as possible so that they are sure to arrive together. Each shipment that arrives at a separate time is assessed the minimum charge. Whether you ship to the advance warehouse or show site it is in your best interest to consolidate as much as possible.*

### Material Handling Process:

- Unloading the trade show freight from your carrier once it arrives at the receiving dock.
- Transporting your shipment to your booth space.
- Removing empty shipping containers (boxes, crates, and pallets) from your booth.
- Temporarily storing your empty shipping containers during the show.
- Returning empty shipping containers to your booth once the event is over.
- Transferring the freight back to the loading dock.
- Loading the items into your carrier's delivery vehicle for return shipping.