



- The safety of your attendees and exhibitors is top of mind in Chicago. We know that a great event experience starts when you arrive in Chicago and ends when you arrive safely home. From door-to-door, we want to make sure that you enjoy your time in Chicago and the Chicago Police Department (CPD) is committed to your safety.
- AAO has been working with the McCormick Place team for several months to develop a security plan for our event. This includes ensuring that the appropriate measures are taken from the time we arrive to begin setting up the show, until the last exhibit is packed up. As part of this, we also work with the McCormick Place team to ensure that the Chicago Police Department is aware of which hotels are part of the room block, the key arrival and departure dates, and where key events are taking place. The CPD notifies the appropriate police districts that there will be increased traffic, and they proactively staff accordingly.
- Sadly, crime is an issue for every urban destination, and this is not unique to Chicago. Post-COVID, cities across the country are dealing with the issue of violence in the center core. The central business district in Chicago is safe—individual incidents that have received extensive media coverage do not represent an average night or day in downtown Chicago.
- Finally, we do encourage you to exercise the same caution in Chicago as you would in any large city. Please make sure to secure your valuables and do not leave them unattended. If you are driving, please lock your car and do not leave it running, even if you are just running into a building for a short time. When walking, we encourage you to stay in well-trafficked and well lit areas, and remove your AAO badge outside of the meeting.