

ExhibitsUSA

A PROGRAM OF MID-AMERICA ARTS ALLIANCE

TOURING EXHIBITION SHIPPING DEFINITIONS **venues are required to adhere to the out-going shipping method** **established for each exhibition**

Common Carrier

This is generally the least expensive way to transport exhibitions. However, it is also the roughest and is used only for exhibitions that are not high value and can be replaced. The exhibition crates are handled as "freight" and are loaded and unloaded several times during transit, and there is no climate control. The crates ExhibitsUSA builds for exhibitions that will travel in this way are sturdy enough to withstand rough handling. It is acceptable for common carrier exhibitions to travel by air when necessary.

Van Line

ExhibitsUSA uses van line transportation (ground transportation by the furniture moving van line companies) for our custom-crated exhibitions that need more careful handling than could be provided by a common carrier, or for exhibitions with a large number of crates. The van line drivers are prepared to handle large crates, and the crates are handled less frequently than they would be by common carrier drivers.

Some of the nationwide van line carriers have a special products division, for art and electronic equipment. The drivers given those jobs are more experienced than furniture van drivers, and only art work or electronic equipment will be on the van. This special service costs more than the regular van line shipment. Also, most of the van lines have a minimum weight requirement, which means you would usually be charged for the minimum even if your shipment weighed less. Some van line carriers offer discounts to members of AAM (American Assoc. of Museums); you should ask any carrier you are considering if they have such a policy.

Note: If you are shipping an exhibition by van line, please note that EUSA requires at least the following features in every case:

- Air-ride truck
- Delivery of crates to an INSIDE location which may require two drivers
- Van line exhibitions from ExhibitsUSA are never to travel by air without the prior written consent of the EUSA registrar

Fine Art

This is ground transportation by companies that specialize in moving only artwork. The drivers are experienced art handlers. All trucks are air-ride and climate control with dual drivers. The work does not need to be as carefully crated for a fine art shipper; however ExhibitsUSA generally transports all our exhibitions in sturdy wood crates as an extra precaution to protect the contents. We use fine art transportation companies for high value, irreplaceable, original works of art and for fragile objects.

**For assistance with managing shipping logistics and/or questions, please contact our Registrar:
Kelly Clark at kelly@maaa.org or call 800-473-3872, ext. 224**