PATS 2025 - Traffic Systems at Breakdown

Breakdown

As you can imagine this is an extremely busy time with all exhibitors keen to get loaded as soon as possible so they can return home. To ensure that the areas to the rear of the halls do not get over congested and that the breakdown remains safe some control measures have to be put in place.

There will be a time delay between the event closing and vehicles arriving at the rear of the halls. This is for a variety of reasons but the main one is to ensure that all visitors have left the halls. All contractors are held outside the hall until the NEC and the organisers have agreed the hall is clear of visitors. Please note that trolley movement may also be delayed. Different events have different breakdown processes so each breakdown can vary– not all breakdowns follow the same process/timings.

The NEC and the organisers would ask that you are patient and co-operate with the guidance provided to help us deliver a great experience for all.

Cars

Any cars or cars with trailers arriving for breakdown should park in the exhibitor car park until the event closes. Cars are then permitted access to the loading areas at the rear of the halls via the gates at the close of show.

You'll need your Exhibitor Badge to gain access. Please don't arrive before the show close / published breakdown time, as queues can build up and cause congestion for other traffic around site. Cars arriving early will have to be turned away at the gate. So please help us deliver a great experience for everyone by following the guidance provided.

All Commercial Vehicles

Upon arrival to the lorry park vehicles will be queued in lines by hall number on a first come first served basis. They can then park free of charge in the queue through the day until post-show when the breakdown commences.

Small van or lorry

Some queues/lines may move before yours. Please be aware that this may be to park up around halls furthest away first or as and when space becomes available at each hall. This is to prevent access roads to these halls being blocked by vehicles for closer halls.

Artic Lorry

The last vehicles released to the rear of the halls are artic lorries, using the same system as above.