

Cosplay & Prop Safety Policy

1. Purpose

The Cosplay & Prop Safety Policy exists to ensure a safe, respectful, and enjoyable environment for all attendees, exhibitors, guests, and staff.

While cosplay is strongly encouraged at the convention, all costumes and props must comply with the safety regulations outlined in this policy. These rules apply to all attendees regardless of whether they participate in contests, showcases, or attend as regular visitors.

The convention reserves the right to deny entry to any costume or prop that is deemed unsafe, inappropriate, or disruptive.

2. Authority of Convention Staff

Convention staff, security personnel, and designated prop safety inspectors have full authority to enforce these regulations.

Staff may:

- inspect costumes and props at any time
- request modifications to costumes or props
- deny permission to carry certain items
- require props to be stored or removed from the event area
- remove attendees from the convention if regulations are not followed

All staff decisions regarding safety are final.

3. General Costume Guidelines

All costumes must meet basic safety, hygiene, and conduct standards.

Attendees must ensure that:

- their costume does not create a safety hazard
- movement and visibility are not excessively restricted
- costume elements do not damage convention property
- costume parts do not contain sharp edges or dangerous components
- their costume allows safe movement through crowded areas

Costumes must comply with local laws and venue regulations.

4. Costume Coverage & Decency

Costumes must provide adequate coverage and remain appropriate for a public event attended by people of all ages.

The following is not permitted:

- full nudity or partial nudity
- exposed genitalia, buttocks, or nipples
- extremely revealing costumes that would violate public decency laws
- transparent clothing that exposes intimate body areas

Costumes must cover genitals, buttocks, and chest areas with opaque material at all times.

Footwear is required at all times inside the convention venue.

5. Offensive or Inappropriate Costumes

Costumes may not include content that is considered offensive, discriminatory, or harmful.

The following are prohibited:

- hate symbols or extremist imagery
- costumes intended to harass or intimidate others
- costumes containing explicit sexual content in public areas
 - costumes that impersonate law enforcement, emergency services, or military personnel in a misleading manner

The convention reserves the right to prohibit costumes that are considered inappropriate or disruptive.

6. Hygiene & Public Comfort

Costumes must not negatively impact the comfort or safety of other attendees.

The following are not permitted:

- costumes emitting strong unpleasant odors
- costumes covered in substances that may stain or damage the venue
- liquids, oils, fake blood, or other materials that may create slipping hazards

Costumes must remain clean and safe throughout the event.

7. Prohibited Items

The following items are strictly prohibited within the convention venue.

Weapons and Weapon-like Items

- Real firearms
- Real swords, knives, or bladed weapons
- Functional airsoft guns, BB guns, or paintball guns
- Metal weapons with sharpened edges
- Batons, clubs, or similar weapons
- Projectile weapons capable of firing objects

Hazardous Materials

- Explosives or fireworks
- Pyrotechnic devices
- Smoke bombs or smoke effects
- Pressurized explosive devices
- Pepper spray or chemical deterrents
- Tasers or stun devices

Dangerous Materials

- Glass weapon props
- Sharp metal spikes or blades
- Any item that could reasonably cause injury

These items are not allowed regardless of whether they are part of a costume.

8. Allowed Cosplay Props

Cosplay props are permitted provided they are safe and clearly non-functional.

Acceptable materials generally include:

- EVA foam
- Thermoplastics (e.g. Worbla)
- Cardboard or foam board
- Lightweight wood
- Plastic, resin, or rubber
- 3D printed materials

All props must:

- be lightweight enough to handle safely
- have no sharp edges or points
- not contain functional weapon mechanisms
- not be capable of launching projectiles

The convention reserves the right to prohibit any prop that appears unsafe.

9. Replica Firearms and Weapon Props

Replica weapons are permitted only if they are clearly identifiable as props and cannot be mistaken for real weapons.

The following conditions apply:

- no functional firing mechanisms
- no compressed air systems
- no capability to fire projectiles
- no removable ammunition
- no metal blades or sharpened edges

Replica firearms must be visibly modified to prevent confusion with real weapons.

10. Prop Inspection and Safety Tagging

All weapon-like props must be inspected at the designated Prop Check / Safety Inspection Area upon entry.

Approved props will receive a visible safety tag or peace bond.

Rules regarding safety tags:

- the tag must remain attached for the entire duration of the event
- removal or tampering with the tag may result in confiscation of the prop
- props without a valid safety tag may not be carried inside the venue

Staff may re-inspect props at any time during the event.

11. Oversized Props and Costumes

Large props and costume components are permitted but subject to additional restrictions.

Oversized items must:

- allow safe movement through corridors and doors
- not obstruct emergency exits
- not endanger other attendees
- not block visibility in crowded areas

Staff may require large props to be temporarily removed or stored in designated areas.

12. Behavior and Responsible Use

Cosplay props must be handled responsibly at all times.

The following behavior is prohibited:

- swinging or handling props in a reckless manner
- staging combat or fight scenes in public areas
- pointing weapon props at other attendees without consent
- using props to intimidate or threaten others

Cosplay interactions must remain respectful and safe.

13. Special Costume Restrictions

Masks and Face Coverings

Attendees wearing masks or helmets may be asked to briefly remove them for identification or security checks.

Limited Visibility Costumes

Costumes that significantly restrict vision may require a handler or assistant to ensure safe movement.

Armor and Structural Elements

Armor components must not contain sharp spikes, exposed metal edges, or rigid elements that could injure others.

14. Special Effects

The use of the following effects is prohibited within the convention venue:

- open flames
- smoke or fog machines
- pyrotechnic effects
- liquids that may create slipping hazards/chemical sprays
- No glitter, confetti, or similar materials
- pressurized gas effects

Any special effect that could damage or contaminate the venue or endanger attendees is not permitted.

15. Realistic Firearms Policy

Props that closely resemble real firearms may be restricted even if they are non-functional.

For safety reasons and to avoid confusion with real weapons, the convention may prohibit or restrict props that:

- are indistinguishable from real firearms at a distance
 - contain realistic moving weapon mechanisms
 - resemble modern military or law enforcement weapons without visible modification
- Convention staff and security personnel have the final authority in determining whether a prop firearm is considered too realistic.

If requested by staff, attendees must immediately store or remove such items from the venue.

16. Prop Size Limitations

To ensure safe movement inside the venue and avoid hazards in crowded areas, large props and costume elements are subject to size restrictions.

As a general guideline:

- Props longer than 150 cm (approx. 5 ft) may be restricted in certain areas
- Oversized props must be carried in a way that does not endanger other attendees
- Large costume parts such as wings, tails, or extended armor pieces must allow safe passage through hallways and doors
- Props that obstruct visibility or emergency routes may be prohibited

Convention staff may request that oversized props be removed or stored in designated areas when necessary.

17. Consent and Respect Policy

All attendees must respect the personal space, comfort, and boundaries of others.

The following behavior is strictly prohibited:

- touching costumes or props without permission
- grabbing or moving parts of a cosplay without consent
- physically interfering with another attendee's costume or prop
- harassment, intimidation, or inappropriate behavior

The convention follows a **“Cosplay is Not Consent” policy**. Wearing a costume does not imply permission for unwanted interaction.

Violations of this policy may result in immediate removal from the event.

18. Liability

Attendees are fully responsible for the safety and proper use of their costumes and props.

The convention organizers, venue operators, and event staff are not liable for injuries, damages, or losses resulting from costumes, props, or attendee conduct.

19. Compliance with Local Laws

All costumes, props, and attendee behavior must comply with applicable local laws and venue regulations.

Any item or activity that violates local laws may result in immediate removal from the convention and may be reported to the appropriate authorities.

20. Right to Final Decision

The convention organizers, staff, and security personnel reserve the right to make the final decision regarding the safety, appropriateness, or admissibility of any costume, prop, or behavior.

If an item is deemed unsafe, inappropriate, or disruptive, staff may require it to be modified, stored, or removed from the convention premises.

Failure to comply with staff instructions may result in removal from the event.

21. Policy Updates

The convention reserves the right to update or modify these policies at any time to ensure the safety of all attendees and compliance with venue requirements or local regulations.

The most current version of this policy will always be available on the convention website.

22. Contact Information

For any additional questions regarding cosplay regulations, prop safety, or costume guidelines, please contact the convention team.

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