

Weapons Policy

Weapons will naturally be a part of many costumes we're expecting to see at Cosplay Chaos.

The comfort and safety of all attendees is our most important goal, and these rules are designed to provide the best possible experience to everyone involved. Staff of Cosplay Chaos and Lodge Con have the final say about what is and is not appropriate.

We reserve the right to remove inappropriate weapons from the building, and will contact local authorities, should the need arise. If you are bringing a weapon of any kind to Cosplay Chaos as part of your costume, whether an entrant in our costume contest or not, you*** **MUST IMMEDIATELY REPORT TO THE MAIN ENTRY BOOTH**

UPON ENTRY TO THE EXPO CENTER! At the main entry booth, our staff will individually inspect each weapon. Weapons that pass inspection will be given a tag, clearly marking to staff and attendees that it is a costume piece and is appropriate.

Once your weapon has been tagged, you're free to enjoy Lodge Con! Plenty of props and prop weapons are unsafe when used inappropriately. A weapon that passes safety inspection may still be removed from the premises if used in a careless, dangerous, or otherwise irresponsible manner. Staff will use the following guidelines to judge what weapons are appropriate.

UNACCEPTABLE WEAPONS:

- Any item capable of firing projectiles will not be allowed. This includes airsoft guns, Nerf guns, water guns, BB and pellet guns, and others, as we deem appropriate.
- Costume weapons may include NO MOVING PIECES. Any costume piece made from real gun parts, even parts now rendered inoperable, are not acceptable.
- No weapons designed to appear identical to real guns are allowed, whether they are made of appropriate materials or not.
- Although some costume weapons may include screws or small nails, absolutely no steel will be permitted. A steel sword, even blunt or secured permanently within a scabbard, will not be allowed. The same applies to morning stars, flails, etc. Any metal other than screws and nails for construction purposes will render your costume weapon inappropriate!
- No chains, nets, or other objects that could become hazardous through tripping and the like.
- No explosives or chemicals, including anything capable of "making a mess."
- ABSOLUTELY NO FIREWORKS! NO FLAMES or FLARES! AND NO BULLETS OF ANY

CALIBER EVEN IF USED AS A DECORATION.

PERMITTED WEAPONS:

- Costume or prop weapons, made of papier Mache, plaster of Paris, foam, cloth, balsa wood, EVA Foam and other prop- grade materials.
- Bows or crossbows, provided they are strung with string, twine, or some other non-weapon grade substitute. The bow must be capable of producing no pull when drawn. Arrows or bolts must be dull.

Cosplay Chaos wants to provide maximum creativity to cosplayers while still keeping safety our top priority. Weapons will be removed from the premises when appropriate but remember that Cosplay Chaos and Lodge Con staff have the right to remove individuals from the premises as well. When in doubt, our staff will err on the side of caution, and we expect cosplayers to do the same. We are here to serve the attendees of Cosplay Chaos, so if you have any questions or concerns, let us know!