

## Cosplay Policy

At AMA-Con we strive to create a safe, family friendly environment. The following guidelines are in place to ensure the best convention experience for all participants. Please keep in mind that the following guidelines are not the only rules that you have to abide by. Any costumes, props, or actions that cause others to be unsafe or feel unsafe will not be tolerated. Anything that you wear, say, or do that is more mature than what is found in a PG movie, may be addressed by staff. Use common sense. When in doubt have a backup plan or leave it out. Feel free to ask convention staff about concerns and questions.

### Is Your Costume Safe?

#### **Construction Material:**

- Fragile materials are to be used with care. Items may have to be removed from the convention if deemed too fragile.
- Be sure that all materials are firmly attached. You should not leave a trail of fur, glitter, sand, flower petals, or anything else in your wake.
- Using external speakers, especially if continually playing loud music, are considered a public nuisance and will be asked to be removed or turned off.
- Materials that give off a strong odor will have to be removed. Make sure to give odorous materials plenty of time to air out before attending the convention.
- Jagged, sharp, hard materials must be used with discretion. If your prop or costume is made of a material that can easily harm those around you in a crowded space, you will be asked to remove said item from the convention.
- Real food cannot be used as a prop or building material.
- Any liquids used as props must be nontoxic and in a leak proof container.
- Anyone with a costume so large it restricts sight or movement must have a handler.
- Live animals are not props. Only registered service animals will be allowed into the convention.

#### **Weapons/Props:**

- Personal firearms, while permitted by the State of Texas for individuals with a valid and current license for a handgun, are not allowed in the convention space.
- Anything with hard, sharp edges that could easily harm or damage. Ask yourself: Can my prop weapon easily harm someone? If it can, it is just a weapon and is not allowed.
- Anything that looks like or is modeled after an actual firearm. This includes airsoft guns, any type of replicas, and anything that could easily be confused with a real gun. If any convention staff thinks that your prop looks like a real firearm you will be required to remove it from the convention floor immediately.
- Heavy or unwieldy props that could easily damage or hurt those around you e.g. baseball bats, clubs, staffs, and the like. If your prop falls into this category, it needs to be manufactured or modified in a way that eliminates the possibility of

accidents. Walking sticks are considered safe so long as one point is on the ground.

- Props are to be used only as decorative pieces, and not for physical use of any kind. Even if your prop is not dangerous, if you use it inappropriately you will be told to remove the item from the convention.
- Props cannot be used to discharge/shoot/project materials of any kind e.g. aerosol cans, liquid shooting items, sling shots, bows, nerf, airsoft or any other sort of gun
- Prop bows or other manual projectile replicas are allowed only if they are rendered incapable of firing a projectile. Prop Arrows and other projectiles must have all metal tips removed. Plastic tip attachments will be permitted.
- Pyrotechnics, and smoke producing devices of any kind are prohibited.
- If you chose to bring anything that can be ridden as a prop (e.g. hoverboards, skateboards) you are not allowed to ride it at any point. If you are seen riding it you will have to remove it from the convention.
- No remote controlled or free moving devices. Leave the drones, and remote control cars at home.

## **Is Your Costume Family Friendly?**

### **Cosplay Costumes**

- Coverage Requirements (both genders)
  - Breasts need to be 60% covered. No side or under boob.
  - Buttocks must be completely covered. No bottom cheeks or crack.
  - Thin, skin tight materials must be worn with undergarments. Genitalia and nipples must not be visible through your costumes.
  - If your costume calls for a thong, pasties or other below-minimum-coverage elements, please wear a bodysuit beneath it.
  - Body paint, latex pasties, etc. are not considered adequate body coverage without additional clothing being worn over it.
  - Wear soled shoes. Soled footwear must be worn at all times. Footwear with wheels is not allowed.
- Content Restrictions
  - No signs
  - Clothing displaying pornography, strong language, gang signs, drug paraphernalia, symbols of racism, or any other content that would generally be considered offensive is not allowed. When in doubt bring a back up because you may be asked to change.
  - Costumes that could be mistaken for current military or law enforcement are not allowed.
  - Costumes representing horror characters are allowed, but be mindful of how you act. If you make other participants feel scared or uncomfortable, then you will be asked to change.