

Attire & Costume

All costumes should provide enough coverage to be worn in public and should be in good taste and appropriate for a family-friendly show and must not contain material that is violent, pornographic or otherwise obscene, illegal, or racially or morally offensive or endorse any form of hate or hate group or appropriate the symbolism of hate groups (including for historical/comical/satirical costumes).

Props

All Props will be checked on entry to the show. EGX and security for the event and venue reserve the right to reject or confiscate **any** weapon or prop if deemed likely to cause a nuisance. Confiscated items, that can legally be returned to you, can be collected as you leave the event.

Note that the following items are banned from our events:

- Metal blades whether sharp or blunt e.g. swords, axes, kunai, ice skates, and knives.
- Guns, rifles, or artillery including airsoft guns, BB guns, paintball guns or props built from parts of these items;
- Hard bats, paddles or clubs e.g. wooden or metal baseball bats, golf clubs;
- Gun props made of metal or hard wood
- Functional projectile weapons e.g. catapults, strung bows or crossbows;
- Sharp items e.g. arrows, bolts, protruding nails;
- Laser pointers, vuvuzelas, silly string, and drones (even if not part of a costume);
- Heavy tools and power tools e.g. iron pokers, crowbars, drills, chainsaws;
- Chemical weapons, explosives, and incendiary device e.g. mace, pepper spray;
- Large pressurised containers and gas canisters;
- Fog or vapour machines;
- Any items restricted or prohibited from being carried by law e.g. martial arts training weapons, knuckledusters, nunchucks, and bokken (a type of hard wooden or toughened plastic training sword).
- Heavy items that could be used as weapons e.g. heavy wooden prop swords, iron pokers, heavy cast iron pans, canes with heavy metal tops or crowbars

The following items may be allowed at security's discretion:

- Items that people normally carry such as umbrellas or regular walking sticks, as well as small lightweight mundane items up to a length of 150cm.
- Lightweight plastic or foam bats, paddles, and clubs
- Prop swords, axes and spears etc. made from lightweight materials e.g foam, pvc or lightweight plastic. Scythes should dismantle into 2 parts without tools. The maximum size permitted is 150cm, or 180cm in the case of a narrow staff/spear
- Lightweight shields in any material
- Lightsabers are permitted- including those with a metal hilt
- Unrealistic and toy guns such as those sourced from modern children's programming (made of brightly coloured plastics, with flashing lights and stickers), or that are clearly science fiction based (phasers, plasma guns, blasters) up to 150cm.
- Prop Bows that cannot effectively fire an arrow or bolt, or unstrung bows
- Realistic firearm props (excluding those listed in banned items) made of lightweight materials are permitted with a brightly coloured tip on the end of the muzzle of the gun which is clearly visible from most angles

Please take care when outside or when transporting any form of firearm prop. Regardless of how realistic it looks, ensure it is completely hidden while travelling and be aware of your surroundings, attire, and the appearance of your props to bystanders when outside. Don't assume a costume reassures people that the weapon is a prop. False alarms waste police resources and risk creating stricter rules and laws.

Roller skates and blades, skateboards, scooters, battery operated go-carts, etc. are only permitted in outdoor areas away from crowds.