

# COSTUME & PROP RULES

## 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. **No exceptions are made for special licences, memberships, or training. Police may destroy confiscated items without warning.**

**Props and costumes are brought to the event at your own risk.**

EGX accepts no responsibility for damage to props and costumes brought to the event by attendees.

## 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, including if unpowered, or props built from parts of these items;
- Gun props made of metal or hard wood
- Hard bats, paddles or clubs e.g. wooden or metal baseball bats, golf clubs;
- Functional projectile weapons e.g. strung bows or crossbows; Slings and catapults
- Sharp items e.g. arrows, bolts, protruding nails;
- Claws or small hand held blades made of metal, wood or other hard or sharp materials
- Laser pointers, vuvuzelas, silly string (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 and smoke grenades; (even if not part of a costume)
- Martial arts training weapons e.g. bokken (a type of hard wooden or toughened plastic training sword).
- Any items restricted or prohibited from being carried by law e.g. knuckledusters, nunchucks,
- Heavy items that could be used as weapons e.g. iron pokers, heavy cast iron pans, canes with metal tops or crowbars are not permitted. Nor are power tools such as actual chainsaws or hedge trimmers.
- Drones and small remote control toys (even if not part of a costume);
- Skateboards, scooters, inline skates or shoes with built-in wheels (even if not part of a costume);
- Realistic replica rocket and missile launchers, mortars, and other anti-aircraft or artillery props
- Props including glass elements

## 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. Avoid materials that will make the prop very heavy, e.g. lots of wood, may shatter into sharp pieces or otherwise pose a danger e.g. props including a glass item in their construction; ensure any sharp points are rounded off.
- Lightweight shields in any material
- 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 toys or props (excluding those listed in banned items) made of lightweight materials (not wood or metal) are permitted without batteries or ammunition provided they have 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.**