

Fandomania 2021 – Weapons Policy

Many costumes and cosplay simply aren't complete without weapons! However, we do need you to follow some guidelines. Please read this document carefully, so that you avoid being asked to store your weapon in your vehicle.

If your weapon looks like, or is, a "real" weapon, such as a gun or sword, you will not be allowed to enter with it. We do apologize if our policy takes away from the legitimacy of your cosplay.

- **Metal Weapons:** Metal weapons are not okay! You may NOT bring swords, epees, guns, or any other weapons made of metal. Foam, foam rubber, plastic, fiberglass, cardboard, and resin are allowable materials. Wooden weapons may be allowed as long as they are clearly made of wood and have no sharp points or edges. If wooden weapons are painted to look like metal, you may be asked to leave your weapon in your vehicle.
- **Bow and Arrow:** You may bring bows that are completely inoperable. Unstrung is best, but loosely strung is okay, too. Arrows in a quiver must be non-removable, or the arrows must have no tip.
- **Bats:** Lightweight plastic or foam bats are allowed. Accessories to the bat must be made of foam or other lightweight material. No real barbed wire or nails, please.
- If you have a long or tall weapon or prop (such as a spear, pike, or walking stick), make sure you can navigate crowds without accidentally hitting or tripping anyone around you. Please note metal points for a spear or pike are not allowed.
- **Explosives/Chemicals:** No explosives or chemicals of any kind are permitted. This would include any kind of smoke powder, sparklers, or fireworks.

Any kind of prop, even a foam one, can be a weapon if used improperly. Please use your props responsibly. We don't want to have to remove it!