

Animeleague Cosplay Props and Weapons Guide

This document is meant as a guide only. There are exceptions to these rules; our staff and security have final say in allowing or disallowing props on the premises. Please use common sense at all times when choosing or handling your Cosplay Props, and remember to stay safe!

Your prop may not be allowed to enter the Convention for one or more of the following reasons:

- The prop is too large or unwieldy.
- The prop blocks corridors/doorways or is likely to hit or inconvenience others.
- The prop is too heavy. If it's heavy it can hurt people, especially if it is dropped.
- The prop is too hard. No props made of hard wood or metal.
- The prop is too sharp or spiky. No sharp bits or edges, make sure all edges are protected adequately.
- The prop is too realistic. No realistic replica weaponry without obvious 'Blaze' (brightly coloured) tips. The weapon itself has to be unusable. Replica metal swords/daggers are not allowed.
- The prop can use pyrotechnics, or is explosive (including cap guns). Incendiary items are also prohibited.
- The prop is an actual weapon (including airguns, deactivated guns, blunted/sharp knives or swords, live bows or slingshots).

Actions which may lead event staff, attendees or members of the public to believe you are in possession of a real live weapon, even at a distance, are prohibited. In these cases, it is not only up to our discretion; we do also have Venue Security in place who will have to approve the prop or weapon. Please be aware that if a member of the public believes you have a real weapon, they may call the police and you risk being arrested.

In all cases, the weapon or prop must be no longer than 1.6 m (5.2ft). Any items longer than this may be used in the Cosplay Masquerade only and must be handed in to Registrations & Help Desk for safekeeping until then.

Please know that these rules are here to assure we have a safe event for both Staff and Attendees. If you have been asked to put your prop away or hand it over to staff for secure storage, please do so or you will be asked to leave the event.

A general safety rule is: If you were to be hit with it repeatedly, would it break before you do? If your answer is no, then it means that someone could get hurt. In which case, we would recommend you leave your prop or weapon at home.

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