



POPCON WEAPONS TERMS AND CONDITIONS

To ensure your safety and the safety of those around you at PopCon, Council requires all attendees to comply with Queensland laws as well as the following safety rules.

Failure to comply may result in your removal from the event without refund.

COSTUMES

Costumes cannot promote alcohol, illegal drugs, tobacco, firearms/weapons (or the use of any of the foregoing), any activities that may appear unsafe or dangerous or any particular political agenda or message;

Costumes cannot be obscene or offensive, endorse any form of hate or hate group;

Costume cannot defame, misrepresent or contain disparaging remarks about PopCon or its Products, or other people, exhibitors or companies

No nudity. All costumes should provide enough coverage to be worn in public and should be in good taste and appropriate for a family-friendly show. Gore, graphic violence or other objectionable elements may be grounds for disqualification as determined by the judges or PopCon Staff

WEAPONS AND PROPS

2.5m Length Restriction - Props must not be longer than 2.5m

No Real or Replica Weapons - If a weapon is real (even if not functional), or looks real, it must not be brought to PopCon. More information is available on Queensland Police website <https://www.police.qld.gov.au/weapon-licensing/replica-temporary-and-permanently-inoperable-weapons>

Toy/Prop Firearms - Toy or prop firearms must have an orange safety tip. The tip may be removed for photography or competition purposes but must be immediately reattached before moving around the venue.

No Explosives/Chemicals/Tasers/Laser Pointers - Props that use a powder charge are prohibited – this includes cap guns. Likewise any items that contain flammable fuel (liquid or gas) and obviously no tasers or laser pointers.

No Projectiles - Nerf guns, Nerf bows and other foam dart guns (including modified versions) must be unloaded. Water guns must be empty.

No Metal or Glass Weapons or Sharp Things - Make sure your costume and any props have no sharp edges or points that could cause harm to any person. Metal or glass props of any description are not allowed.

No Functional Bows/Slingshots/Crossbows - Functioning bows, slingshots and crossbows are not permitted. Non-functional prop versions are permitted providing they are not over the length limit, not made of metal and have loose strings. The prop must always be securely attached to your costume and not in use.

Martial Arts Weapons - Prop versions are permitted provided that they are not made of metal and have no sharp edges.

Avoid Heavy Props – Heavy props can be dangerous, particularly in crowds. If a prop is deemed by security staff to be too heavy or unsafe (e.g. would it cause injury if you dropped it on someone's foot) it will be confiscated and not allowed into the venue.

Security/Inspections

Attendees are required to undergo security inspections upon entry to the event. Any props deemed to not comply with these rules will be confiscated and retained (at the owner's risk). These props can then be retrieved by the owner on leaving PopCon.

DISCLAIMER: Council takes no responsibility for any damage to props or cosplay items at PopCon whether left at the check-in-desk or taken into the venue.

Behaviour

Attendees must follow the directions of security staff.

Misuse of any prop, such as swinging it in a public area or causing a hazard to attendees, will result in confiscation of that prop or requirement to leave the event.

Be considerate of your surroundings and the safety and comfort of those around you.

Be courteous and respectful of others.

Items Purchased at PopCon

Attendees may be able to purchase items from stallholders at PopCon.

If an attendee wishes to use a purchased item as a prop or costume piece, the item must be presented to registration staff in its original packaging. If the registration staff approve the item as complying with these safety rules, the item may be removed from its packaging and used in accordance with these rules.

Imitation or replica weapons, such as metal, movie/TV swords, knives etc., or other props not meeting the requirements of these rules, purchased from stallholders must not be removed from their original packaging within the venue or in the grounds of the venue.

Further Information

Please check the Queensland Police site for further information about weapons laws [here](#).