



Berglund Center: Convention & Trade Show Rules & Policies

All rules are subject to change at the discretion of Berglund Center management to ensure the safety and security of staff, guests, vendors, and patrons within the facility.

Cosplay Policy & Dress Code

Remember: A dress code is not a moral judgement; if we ask you to change, it is for the safety and comfort of you, other attendees, and the hosts at Berglund Center.

Please respect and support staff upholding these rules.

Dress Code

- This is an all-ages space. We don't permit clothing that depicts nudity, profanity, hate speech, or adult content.
 - As a general guideline, your outfit should be rated PG-13 or under, and be appropriate to wear around children.
- We prohibit costumes depicting uniforms worn by members of the military, law enforcement agencies, and all other government agencies.
 - Costumes of fictional uniforms are permitted so long as they won't be reasonably confused for an actual uniform.
- Large or bulky costumes must be able to fit through a standard doorway (36" wide) to comply with fire safety rules.
 - If a costume restricts ventilation or visibility, we request that the cosplayer have a handler escort them through the convention.
- Costumes and props may not generate smoke, fog, steam, or odors. Costumes with speakers are permitted so long as audio output is kept to a reasonable volume and the audio isn't continuous (e.g. music or alarm sounds). Exceptions

to some of these rules may be made for contestants at the time when they participate in the Cosplay Contest, but **only** with prior approval by the event manager & contest coordinator.

Cosplay Props & Weapons

- Cosplay props and weapons must be registered and tagged at the prop check station promptly upon arrival.
- No real weapons, or any items that could be easily mistaken for weapons, may be carried either openly or concealed at any time in event space, regardless of concealed carry permits.
- Prop check ribbons are required and must be easily visible to staff at all times
- **All** prop guns must have an orange tip

Items that are *never* permitted for any reason:

- Live firearms, including airsoft, BB, & paintball guns
- Live ammunition, flammable materials, or explosives, including fireworks & sparklers
- Loaded prop guns, water guns, or other projectile weaponry/toys
- Metal prop, including pipes, poles, swords, knives, guns, large chains, etc
- Items or devices that create smoke, fog, or similar output
- Nunchucks, paddles, or items designed to be swung
- Roller skates, inline skates, Heelys, or stilts

Cosplay Guidelines - What Must Be Covered

