

# Oxford Con Attendance Policy

Oxford Con is a free, one-day event celebrating pop culture, fandoms, and community. We are committed to providing a welcoming and secure environment for guests of all ages. Please review the following guidelines to help us maintain a safe and enjoyable space for everyone:

- **Inclusivity & Respect:**

Oxford Con welcomes attendees of all backgrounds and does not tolerate discrimination based on race, gender, age, sexuality, religion, disability, or any other identity. Hate speech, offensive imagery, or any behavior that promotes violence or prejudice will not be permitted. Violators will be removed from the premises.

- **Harassment-Free Zone:**

Cosplay is not consent. Always ask before touching or photographing someone, especially cosplayers. Harassment of any kind is taken seriously—violators may be removed from the event or law enforcement may be contacted, depending on the situation.

- **Dress Code:**

As a family-friendly convention, all guests are expected to wear appropriate clothing, including a shirt, shoes, and pants/shorts/skirts. Outfits deemed overly revealing or inappropriate may result in attendees being asked to change or leave, at staff discretion.

- **Lost & Found:**

Items that are found should be turned in at the weapons check table. Please note that Oxford Con is not liable for lost, stolen, or damaged property.

- **Shoes On at All Times:**

Footwear is required throughout the venue, regardless of your costume.

- **Personal Hygiene:**

Due to the limited space and large attendance, personal cleanliness is important. Attendees with noticeable body odor or hygiene issues may be asked to step out and freshen up. Please be considerate of others.

- **Minors at the Convention:**

Children under 15 must be accompanied by an adult at the event. Those under 12 must have an adult with them at all times inside the venue.

- **Accessibility Services:**

Oxford Con strives to be accessible for all guests. Designated accessible parking is available near the venue entrance. If you require accommodations such as interpreters

or other services, please contact us at [info.oxfordcon@gmail.com](mailto:info.oxfordcon@gmail.com) at least two weeks before the event.

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## Costume, Weapon, and Prop Policy

We love cosplay at Oxford Con and encourage creative expression! However, safety and courtesy come first. Please follow the guidelines below to ensure a fun and secure environment for all attendees:

- **General Costume Conduct:**  
All costumes must comply with the convention's overall code of conduct. Offensive or hate-related imagery is not permitted.
- **Weapons and Prop Safety:**  
All props and costume weapons must be inspected upon entry and peace bonded if deemed potentially hazardous. Staff will tag and secure safe props to indicate approval.
- **What's Allowed – and What's Not:**
  - **Realistic Weapons:** Only non-functional replicas are permitted. Firearms of any kind, even non-firing ones, are prohibited.
  - **Metal Props:** Blunt-edged metal props like swords or knives may be permitted after inspection. No sharp edges or live steel will be allowed.
  - **Projectile Weapons:**
    - Bows and crossbows must be de-strung or otherwise disabled.
    - Nerf guns, airsoft, BB, and similar props must have orange tips and be non-functional. No projectiles (including darts, BBs, or arrows) may be carried.
  - **Pyrotechnics & Effects:** Flashpots, explosives, or similar items are strictly prohibited.
  - **Revealing Costumes:** Nudity is not allowed. Skin-tight or sheer costumes must be worn with appropriate undergarments (e.g., dance belts or liners).

- **Shoes:** Footwear must be worn at all times.
- **Size & Space Awareness:**

Props longer than 7 feet may be restricted due to space limitations. Large costumes or suits with low visibility require a handler to accompany the wearer at all times. Certain areas (like vendor halls) may have access restrictions for oversized costumes.
- **Swordplay Guidelines:**

Swordplay or mock battles are only permitted with foam weapons outside the Civic Center, in the Oxford City Park. No wooden, plastic, or metal combat is allowed.
- **Peace Bonding Policy:**

Peace bonding is a process to ensure props and weapons are convention-safe. This includes securing or tagging them visibly at weapons check.

  - Any item that resembles a weapon must be checked and bonded.
  - Do not remove, alter, or apply peace bonds yourself.
  - If a bond comes off, report to weapons check immediately for reinspection.
  - Items purchased at the con must also be bonded before being carried around. Items that cannot be bonded must be stored offsite.
- **Enforcement & Questions:**

If your costume or prop raises concerns, email **info.oxfordcon@gmail.com** in advance with a photo and description. The Oxford Con Safety Team will have the final say in all matters related to costume appropriateness and prop safety. You may be asked to modify your costume or leave if it's found to be unsafe or inappropriate.
- **Liability Disclaimer:**

By attending Oxford Con, you accept full responsibility for your costume, props, and actions. Oxford Con and its staff are not liable for any damage or injury related to cosplay equipment or behavior.