



Code Of Conduct:

Entry requirements:

Everyone must present valid, government-issued photo ID to buy a membership or to check in. Your badge/event pass is your proof of membership. You must wear it at all times in convention space.

Age restrictions:

Attendees under age 18 must present a signed parent permission and liability release form at time of entry.

Attendees under age 13 must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian at all times.

Event restrictions:

Please do not line up more than 30 minutes ahead of any event.

The University Of British Columbia (UBC) prohibits all animals on its campus. This includes therapy or anxiety pets. Only animals trained to provide assistance to an individual with a disability, through a specific action, are allowed. For any official Vancouver Halloween Expo programming held outside the designated venue, the policy for the venue where that programming is held applies.

Cosplay, clothing, and coverage:

Costumes or clothing covers approximately 60% of the breast area. Bare back is okay. Bottom coverage does not expose cheeks. Shoes or sandals are worn. No bare foot is allowed.

Our coverage policy is gender-neutral. Costumes or clothing must cover the following: complete groin and buttocks, and approximately 60% of the breast area, including 100% nipple coverage. Coverage may not be sheer or transparent, painted on, or overly form-fitting to the point where it reveals the details of genitalia.

Masks or face coverings may not be worn in registration areas or outside public areas.

Footwear must be worn which covers the bottom of the feet.

Costume props that may be potentially dangerous, or may appear to be potentially dangerous (even if they aren't). Must be immediately peace-bonded upon entry to the convention, or if the prop is purchased in Exhibits Hall.

Peace-bonding is an agreement to carry your prop safely, and requires signing an acknowledgement of the requirements of safe carry. A staff member will attach a peace-tie to your item which signals to all staff that your item has been reviewed. Metal props are prohibited in any

form (Guns, swords, etc.). Projectile weapons are prohibited (either previous working/or has be modified not to fire). Bows must be unstrung at all times.

Peace-bonding is conducted outside Registration and outside the Exhibits Hall. After Exhibits Hall hours, this location will move to the Operations Office.

Harassment and other prohibited behavior:

Harassment, and any behavior that disrupts another person's experience, are prohibited. Disallowed behavior includes unwanted physical contact, threats, heckling or jeering, or any other form of rude, offensive, or disruptive behavior. This policy applies regardless of whether the behavior is aimed at a specific person.

If another person no longer wishes to speak to or interact with you, you must immediately cease your conversation and interaction with them, and you may not follow them to another area. If you experience harassment or other unwanted behavior, please visit the Operations Office to discuss or report an incident or concern. We strongly encourage attendees to report an incident as soon as possible after it occurs.

Other prohibited behavior:

Consumption of alcohol (unless presented as part of an official convention event), consumption of illegal drugs (including marijuana), smoking or use of e-cigarettes, or intoxication

Lewd conduct

Unsafe behavior, including real or play fighting

Selling or soliciting items or services

Distribution of flyers or literature

Brandishing, waving around, or pointing prop weapons

Prop firearms and blades must always stay holstered, slung, or sheathed, except while posing for photos. If outdoors please conduct yourself in a decent manner, some by standers may not see it as such.

The following items are prohibited:

Functional firearms or ammunition (no exception for concealed carry)

Functioning projectile weapons, devices, toys, including items meant to be thrown; or paddles
Swords and props which contain live steel (sharp enough to cut)

Any prop firearm that does not have a highly visible orange tip or that for any other reason looks like it could be functional from 10 feet away, even if they are not functioning

Potentially dangerous props should not be allowed even if it is part of a costume.

Any props or items that inhibit traffic due to their size

Any signage or clothing containing profanity, explicit or graphic language, slurs, insults, threats, solicitations, or room party advertisements

Costumes or props which are vulgar, obscene, graphic, or sexually themed

Projectile items or replica firearms are allowed only if they are, or have been made, permanently non-functional. "Permanently" means it is not possible to repair or restore the item to functionality. In most cases this means the item must be filled with glue and all moving parts rendered immobile.

We may limit any other offensive, disruptive, or unsafe costumes, props, signs, or clothing in our sole discretion.

Photography restrictions:

Be polite with your camera and how you conduct your photography or video recording. Photography and video recording are generally permitted.

However:

It is strictly prohibited to take a photo of any person who asks you not to, or shows by their body language that they do not wish to be photographed.

It is also prohibited to take a photo if a reasonable person would know the subject(s) would probably not want to be photographed under the circumstances.

Photography is not allowed in any event where the event host asks you not to, there is a sign prohibiting it, or in viewing rooms, Artist Alley, Small Press, or the Art Show; except with on-the-spot artist permission.

Violations:

Any violation of this code of conduct or illegal action may be handled by a warning, temporary convention suspension, permanent membership revocation, or longer ban, in our sole discretion. Allowable activity at the convention is at our sole discretion. We have the right to refuse service provided it's not based on race, religion, or sexual orientation. If this individual has caused issues in the past then we will just ask that he not attend. If an authorized staff member asks you to stop doing something, remove an item, or leave an area, then it has the weight of this Code Of Conduct (COC), even if it's not printed in this code of conduct.

Updates & Modifications:

This Code Of Conduct (COC) may be changed without notice to adapt to environmental or physical circumstances. By attending this function you agree to all of the above statements.