

# GeekFest Costume, Weapons and Props Rules

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Compliance with the following rules is required for **ALL** attendees of GeekFest. Failure to do so will lead to being removed and banned from the event. These rules have been adapted from the MCM Comic Con Costume regulations and any ambiguities should first be referred to those rules, Further questions can be sent to [yorkgeekfest@gmail.com](mailto:yorkgeekfest@gmail.com)

## Banned Items

The following items are banned from GeekFest and **should not** under any circumstance be brought:

- Metal Blades of any sort either sharp or blunt
- Real Guns of any sort
- Heavy Bats, Paddles or Clubs such as baseball bats
- Hard Training Swords such as Bokken
- Any type of explosive or incendiary device
- Any working bow, crossbow, arrow or bolts
- Gas canisters
- Any object with sharp protruding objects such as nails or spikes.
- Any other object that is deemed illegal by UK law

Exceptions to these can only be made through prior contact with the organising team of GeekFest. Permission for objects normally banned may be given to some specific persons such as vendors. Therefore breaking these rules due to what you have observed others with will not be accepted.

## Attire and Costume Rules

Keep in mind that GeekFest is a family event. Nudity is not permitted along with any kind of prosthetic or costume genitalia. Adult fetish attire such as extreme BDSM gear is also not permitted. Skimpy costumes are permitted though concessions to accuracy are needed if skimpy to the point of negligible coverage (less the typical swimwear). Text extra precautions with such a costume to avoid accidental exposure. If you are unsure if a costume is allowed contact the address at the top of the page.

The maximum dimensions (height, width or depth) of any costume is three metres. Costumes that can collapse to this size (i.e. wings) must remain collapsed at all times other than the masquerade or photoshoots.

## Mundane Items

Objects such as vegetables, pans, umbrellas, walking sticks and racquets are allowed up to a length of 150cm. Lightweight plastic or foam bats are also allowed. Small wheeled items such as skateboards, scooters or roller blades are allowed but **must not** be used in the exhibition centre and can be used as decorative items only.

## Melee Weapon Props

Aside from the banned object mentioned earlier melee weapon props are allowed. Props must be no larger than 180cm. Items that are larger than this must be collapsible. Scythes or other similarly difficult to carry items must be collapsible at any size. Shields up to a diameter of 1 metre are allowed but any hard edges must be rounded off and padded. Both Theatre props and LARP Safe weapons are allowed.

## Guns and Other Projectile Props

Unrealistic and toy guns made of brightly coloured plastic guns such as NERF are allowed however they **must not** be loaded or fired at the event.

Realistic imitation firearms such as plastic pistols, rifles, airsoft or BB guns are allowed so long as they are both legal and have a brightly coloured muzzle or have a significantly brightly coloured portion. Metal deactivated guns or metal gun props are **not** permitted.

Any ammunition including caps, incendiary, pellets or foam bullets are **not** permitted.

Replica Rockets, mortar or missile launchers are allowed but may not be fired.

Bows and Crossbows are allowed but must be unstrung. Prop bows may be used so long as they cannot effectively fire an arrow or bolt.

Slings and catapults are allowed but must never be loaded.

**TAKE CARE WHILST TRANSPORTING ANY FORM OF PROP  
THAT MAY BE MISTAKEN FOR AN OFFENSIVE WEAPON**

Please ensure that you are safe and sensible at all times. The organisers of GeekFest and the University take no responsibility for any injury or police incident caused by items brought to GeekFest.