

## **\*EVENT COSPLAY AND PROPS UPDATE\***

In light of the recent terrorist attack in Christchurch this past week. We have decided to make some updates to our event cosplay and props/weapons policy. For all events moving forward real life and imitation military clothing of any kind will not be permitted under any circumstances. Additionally, we feel the need to stress some parts of our weapons policy that already exist. Please read the following carefully as we will be strongly enforcing all parts of our props policy.

Attending any Armageddon Expo event means that you agree to comply with all rules and policies regarding the safety of all attendees, including this weapons policy. You further understand and agree that, for your own safety and the safety of everyone at an Armageddon Expo event, Armageddon Expo staff and representatives hold the right to inspect your costumes, prop weapons and any other item you bring to the event. We may temporarily or permanently remove any attendee at any time for violating this weapons policy because every attendee's safety is of the utmost importance.

The following are examples of weapons/items that you cannot bring to Armageddon Expo under any circumstances:

- Firearms of any description e.g. Rifles, shotguns, Airsoft weaponry, hand guns, blowguns.
- Tasers and laser devices e.g. Laser pointers
- Explosives or other incendiary devices
- Metal weapons these can include but are not limited to; knives, swords, daggers, switchblades, axes, hatchets, metal pole-arms, ninja stars
- Blunt weapons/sports equipment e.g. nunchucks, brass knuckles, whips,
- Homemade stilts

All prop weapons must be submitted to prop check when entering an Armageddon Expo event. Armageddon Expo staff and representatives have the sole discretion to approve prop weapons. Prop checks are located at the main entrance of any Armageddon Expo event. Once your prop is checked staff will put a bright cable tie around a part of your prop so other staff and attendees can see it has been checked. We may revoke the allowance of carrying a prop inside an Armageddon Expo event at any time in our sole discretion if the item is used inappropriately

Please when traveling to and from the event ensure that your prop weapons are safely transported so that you don't raise concern from the general public and attract the attention of local law enforcement.

### **If you buy weapons at an Armageddon Expo event:**

All exhibitors adhere to a strict R16 Weapons Customer Policy and will also provide a information leaflet summarising the Weapon Policy with all purchases. If you buy a prop or other weapon from an exhibitor at an Armageddon Expo event, you must keep it sealed in the secure packaging for the duration of the event. Prop weapons purchased at the event that do not meet the Weapons Policy may not be openly carried at the event.

To be allowed into an Armageddon Expo event, your prop must meet the following criteria:

### **Carrying your props at an Armageddon Expo event**

Do not swing or brandish your prop weapon in any way that could be considered unsafe or threatening. Do not carry long props over your shoulder so they extend out and potentially harm someone behind you.

You may pose with a prop weapon in a brandishing manner as long as no reasonable person would interpret it as anything but a pose for dramatic effect. Event staff or management may stop your posed brandishing in their sole discretion.

### **Firearm and projectile weapons**

Toy firearms are generally made in multiple colors and usually with brightly colored tips on the end of the barrels to clearly identify them as such e.g. nerf guns.

Nerf guns and water bullet toy guns are permitted into the event, as long as they have **zero ammo** loaded, and the person bringing them in has **no ammo** to load them once inside the event.

Actual or decommissioned firearms are **not under any circumstances** to be brought to the event by event attendees e.g. Airsoft guns, BB guns, Paintball guns, sports weapons etc.

All toy firearm related props must have an orange or red tip, this can be either painted or taped. Any firearm allowed into the event is to not have any projectiles loaded, and/or the ability to fire.

For queries about items not included in this list or Weapons Policy please feel free to contact us through our [Facebook page](#) or at [info@beyondrealitymedia.com](mailto:info@beyondrealitymedia.com)