

2018 Via Colori Kentucky Cosplay Weapons Policy

Via Colori and its staff is dedicated to ensuring the safety and security of all attendees to the event. To that end, the following policies will be implemented:

ALL PROPS AND WEAPONS MUST BE INSPECTED AND TAGGED UPON ENTERING THE EVENT AREA. TAGS AND BONDS MUST REMAIN ON PROPS AT ALL TIMES WHILE IN ATTENDANCE. WE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO REFUSE ANY PROP OR WEAPON AT OUR DISCRETION. IF YOU FAIL TO ABIDE BY THESE RULES YOU WILL BE ESCORTED OFF THE THE PREMISES BY STAFF AND/OR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS.

NO live firearms allowed without a permit.

NO projectiles (nerf bullets, rubber bullets, slingshots, arrows, pellets, etc.)

NO live steel (any edged metal weapon in the form of a sword, knife, dagger, throwing star, etc.) that is not a pocket or hunting knife as defined by Kentucky State Law KSA 500.080.

Un-edged replica swords and similar weapons are allowed but must be peace tied and remain sheathed at all times.

NO hard weapons that come to a point, contain spikes, or have an edge (barbed wire, nails, axes, canes, swords, knives, spears, etc.)

NO hard thick or blunt props such as real baseball bats, clubs, nunchucks, staffs (unless they meet material requirements).

NO explosives or props that involve fire.

NO laser sights or laser pointers.

Bows must not be strung with tension unless inspected thoroughly for purposes of maintaining bow shape.

Replica or toy guns are allowed but **MUST BE MARKED WITH A VISIBLE FEDERALLY MANDATED BLAZE ORANGE TIP AT ALL TIMES.**

Water guns are allowed but must not be abused.

Props and weapons are to remain on your person at all times; You are not permitted to swing them or throw them, intentionally or otherwise.

You are prohibited from striking anyone with any part of your costume or prop.

Prop and costume materials allowed:

Foam

Paper products (paper mache, cardboard, poster board, etc.)

Wood (no more than 1/2" thick)

Plastic/PVC

Lightweight materials (plaster, bondo, etc.)

Metals 16 gauge (1.29 mm / 1/16") or thinner (PROHIBITED IN EDGED WEAPONS UNLESS INSPECTED AND PEACE TIED)

Solid resin up to ¼" thick (thicker for armor is acceptable)

Fiberglass armor
Polycarbonate lightsaber blades

Prohibited prop weapon materials:

Metals thicker than 16 gauge (1.29 mm or 1/16")
Solid resin (more than 1/4" thick)
Fiberglass
Heavy/large stone
Glass (polycarbonate/plexiglass is allowed)

Violation any of the above rules will result in an warning up to being asked to leave the festival. THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS. If you are asked to leave by a member of the security team or staff, you are required to comply with their requests or risk intervention by law enforcement. These decisions are based on the discretion of the security or staff member you are dealing with.