



## Capital City Comic Con - Code of Conduct

Please help us create a fantastic and safe event by abiding by our Code of Conduct.

We ask that all attendees, vendors, staff, guests and volunteers be respectful, friendly and positive towards each other at the convention. Providing a fun and family-friendly event is important to us.

If you find that you are in an abrasive or unsafe situation, please seek out the nearest volunteer. They will be able to contact security and communicate with Comic Con management around what is happening.

### **Manners**

Cosplay does NOT mean consent. Please ask to take pictures and be respectful of those in costume. No touching, groping, lewd behaviour. If someone has told you they want space or to be alone, respect that.

If you are being aggressive, disruptive, unsafe or disturbing the attendees, guests, vendors, staff, security, hotel or volunteers, you will be asked to leave.

### **The following behaviours are not welcome at Capital City Comic Con:**

- Harassment of any kind to attendees, guests, vendors, staff, volunteers, security, hotel and convention staff.
- Sexual harassment, such as verbal harassment, indecent exposure or unwelcome physical contact will not be tolerated under any circumstances.
- Distribution or solicitation of literature at Capital City Comic Con unless previously approved by Capital City Comic Con.
- Harm of any personal property or damage to the venue and surrounding areas.
- Engaging in any unlawful activities.

People who are not abiding by the Code of Conduct will be asked to leave the convention and possibly banned from future conventions.

Any activities prohibited by law will be presented to the authorities.

## **Cosplay, Dress Code and Weapons**

We love and encourage Cosplay! That said, Capital City Comic Con has a policy in place to ensure the safety and well-being of all attendees.

- This is a family friendly convention; we insist that a costume must be worn. No nudity or only body paint.
- Offensive costumes or costumes with hate speech will not be tolerated.
- Shoes must be worn at all times. No bare feet.

Weapon props and large props must pass through our Cosplay Weapon's Check Point. For more information on what is allowed, please carefully read our Weapons Policy.

## **Photography and Video**

Always ask permission before taking a picture of someone at the convention. If they say no, please respect their decision.

- If you are taking a picture of a minor, please get permission from their parent, guardian or chaperone and let them know where the photo will be shared.
- Try not to disrupt the flow of traffic when taking photos.
- If you are unsure whether photography is allowed in certain areas, please ask a volunteer if it is allowed. Watch for signs that say No Photography.
- No flash photography in panels, Q&A sessions, or near photo ops.
- Please ask exhibitors or artists if you can photograph their wares before taking photos.
- Capital City Comic Con reserves the right to prohibit photography and/or videotaping in any event or area.
- We give our convention staff the right to review and/or demand deletion of any unauthorized photographs or video recordings.

## **Food and Drinks**

- No outside food or beverages will be allowed in the convention areas.
- Food and/or beverages are forbidden in all of the panel rooms. Only water bottles will be accepted in these rooms.
- Volunteers have the right to direct you to refrain from having food or beverage in certain areas.
- Please keep your environment clean by disposing of any food, drinks, packaging and garbage properly. Attendees who cause damage or are abusive with food or drink privileges may be asked to leave the convention.

## **Allies to Accessibility & Support Services**

*How you can help provide a great experience*

- **Elevators – convenience vs. necessity.** If you can use the stairways to move between the convention floors, please do! Some people depend on the elevators/lifts just to access the con.

The reasons might not be visible, but the need is still there. Please keep that in mind when travelling around the convention.

- **Keep the pathways/doorways clear.** It is hard not to stop to take pictures or have a chit chat with fellow con goers. Please keep areas easily accessible for movement.
- **Keep the Sensory Room quiet and peaceful.** Capital City Comic Con provides a Sensory Room for those who need to take a moment away from all the excitement and distraction. Please be mindful when you are in and around these areas.
- **Service Animal Etiquette.** Please don't pet, distract, or take photos of service animals. Those who rely on service animals need them to concentrate on doing their jobs well.
- **Offer help but don't assume it's needed.** If you think someone needs assistance, just ask. If they say yes, don't make assumptions; instead listen to the details of what the person needs. If they say "no thanks" don't be offended. If they need help but you are unable to provide it, please offer to find a volunteer who might be able to help.
- **Provide Privacy.** A person's medical history, gender and details of how their body functions is private. Please do not ask how someone became disabled or assume their experience is the same as another person with a similar disability. Likewise, do not ask about someone's gender or comment on their gender expression.
- **Perfume & Fragrances.** We ask that you limit your use of scented products or perfumes. It is a huge help for people who suffer from asthma, migraines, and chemical sensitivities.