



CAPITAL CITY COMIC CON – CODE OF CONDUCT

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

We will be following any provincial guidelines which are required during the time of our convention regarding COVID-19. Masks are recommended in the venues and please respect other attendees personal space. Our venues have a comprehensive Safe Space Plan which includes an extensive cleanliness protocol.

Manners

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

If you find you're in an unsafe situation, please seek out the nearest volunteer for assistance. All volunteers will be able to alert security and communicate with Comic Con management around what is happening.

IMPORTANT: The following behaviours will not be tolerated at Capital City Comic Con:

- Cosplay does NOT mean consent. You must ask to take photos and be respectful of those in costume. No touching, groping or 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.
- Harassment of any kind to attendees, guests, vendors, staff, volunteers, security, hotel and convention staff will not be tolerated.
- Sexual harassment, such as verbal harassment, indecent exposure or unwelcome physical contact will not be tolerated.
- Distribution or solicitation of literature is not permitted at Capital City Comic Con unless previously approved by convention organizers.
- Capital City Comic Con has the right to eject anyone loitering, soliciting attendees or causing issues around the convention property.
- Harm of any personal property or damage to the venue and surrounding areas.
- Engaging in any unlawful activities is not permitted.

People who do not abide 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 and 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 always be worn. No bare feet.

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

Photography and Video

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

- If you are taking a photo 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.
- Watch for signs that say NO photography. If you are unsure whether photography is allowed in certain areas, please ask a volunteer if it is allowed.
- No filming of Panels, Q&A's or special events in the main theatre.
- Livestreaming is not permitted unless approved by CCCES.
- 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 panel rooms. Only water bottles will be accepted in these rooms.
- Volunteers have the right to ask you to refrain from having food and/or beverages in restricted 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 convention. The reasons might not be visible, but the need is still there. Please keep that in mind when travelling around the event.
- **Keep the pathways/doorways clear.** It is hard not to stop to take photos or chat with fellow con goers. Please ensure you are not blocking traffic flow/pathways at all times.

- **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 require their aid to move around and complete tasks.
- **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.
- **Fragrances.** We ask that you limit your use of scented products and perfumes. It is a huge help for people who suffer from asthma, migraines and chemical sensitivities.