Cosplay and Props Policy

All costumes and participants must adhere to the existing MRL Patron Responsibilities and Conduct Guidelines at all times. Guidelines are posted in the library and can be found on the Policies section of our web page. Costumes, props, and prop weapons will be allowed solely at the discretion of MRL Staff. **MRL staff will have the final say on what props are "realistic" or "functional" or may pose a hazard to other attendees.** If a costume or component is found to violate any policy points or found by staff to be inappropriate for any reason, you will be asked to cover or remove the item, if possible, or be asked to leave.

- Costumes must be appropriate to wear in public— please adhere to a PG-13 limit. Nudity, simulated nudity, and risqué attire are not permitted.
- All cosplay props must be checked in at the Prop Check Table. Staff will tag or peace band approved props in a visible area. Props made of exposed hard materials like metal, wood, and glass are not allowed. Medical aids are always allowed.
- Misuse of props (fighting, dueling, firing, throwing, etc.) will be considered a safety issue and may be grounds for removal from the event.
- Realistic prop firearms and functional projectile weapons (crossbows, slingshots, etc.) will not be allowed. Whip and lasso props are allowed but must be non-functional.
    - Unrealistic firearm props are allowed but must be clearly marked with a bright orange cap or tip. Non-functional projectile prop weapons will be allowed.
    - Nerf style toy guns are allowed but may not have projectiles.
    - Lightsabers are allowed but may not have metal above the hilt.
- Some entertainment properties contain questionable material. The use of hateful symbols or those that could be confused with hateful symbols on costumes (ie. swatikas on Hetalia or Red Skull, Hydra Nazi uniforms, etc.) is strictly prohibited, even if used satirically.
    - Use of makeup to portray yourself as a different race is prohibited.
    - Costumes with the purpose of offending or disrespecting other individuals, cultures, or religions will not be tolerated.
    - Realistic emergency services (police, paramedics, etc.) uniforms, or modern military uniforms are heavily discouraged. If worn, they must be *clearly distinguishable* from local emergency services.
- Attendees are expected to conduct themselves in a respectful manner. Harassment of any kind will not be tolerated. Costumes intended to harass, provoke, or intimidate are not allowed.

Thank you for helping us maintain a safe and welcoming environment for all fans!