



**Weapons & Prop Policy**  
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Tsukino-Con and Tsukino-Con staff reserve the right to require peace-bonding of any items they deem to resemble, or can be used as, weapons, and the right to require immediate removal from convention events of any items they deem dangerous, regardless of any previous decisions or policies, including this document. Anyone found in violation of these policies is subject to a formal strike against their badge or immediate banishment from the convention, at the discretion of convention staff. Campus Security and/or the Police may be notified if applicable.

**Unacceptable Items:**

**\*This list is presented for example purposes and is not intended to be a complete list of unacceptable items.**

- Anything illegal
- Anything against the University of Victoria Policies
- Any real weapons, functional or not
- Firearms, including anything resembling a real world model firearm, regardless of colour, orange tip, material, etc.
- BB, Pellet, Paintball and Airsoft guns
- Any type of exploding device (ex: smoke bombs or grenades) regardless of the method used for detonation, including air & CO2
- Metal bladed weapons, including swords, knives
- Glass
- Ceramics
- Stone
- Skates; Roller Blades, Roller Skates, Ice Skates
- Yaoi/Yuri, Seme, Uke, and/or any other fandom type paddle designed or intended to be used on another person.
- Anything currently capable of firing or releasing one or more projectiles
- Any live ammunition, including bullets & tipped arrows

Questions about other items resembling firearms should be directed to: [consafety@tsukinocon.com](mailto:consafety@tsukinocon.com)

**Acceptable Items:**

**This list is presented for example purposes; staff reserves the final say on whether an item is acceptable.**

- Wood
- Foam



- Paper/Cardboard
- Plastic or fiberglass composites
- Clay
- Metal items are acceptable as long as they are NOT bladed and/or pointed. ie: Baseball bats, Frying Pans, Staffs, Rods, etc.
- Strung bows may be acceptable so long as the string is made of a material which does not exceed 5 pounds of draw strength (Even if these conditions are met, Tsukino-Con staff may refuse to Peace Bond a bow)

### **Peace-Bonding:**

All items/props/accessories that by design, or otherwise, resemble, or can be used as weapons must be peace-bonded during registration/check-in at the Registration Desk immediately upon arrival on convention grounds. Peace-bonding indicates your agreement not to harm, or engage in combat with anyone and to abide by convention rules. If harm occurs to yourself or others due to your violation of this agreement, you agree that you alone are liable and that the convention has no part in it. Peace-bonding is indicated by a visible tag that enables convention staff to easily determine the status of your item. Please see the Wikipedia article about peace-bonding for more information:

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Science\\_fiction\\_convention#Peace-bonding\\_and\\_weapons\\_policies](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Science_fiction_convention#Peace-bonding_and_weapons_policies)

### **Items Bought From Dealer's Room:**

In the case of a Dealer selling items that fall into the unacceptable category, purchases must be kept in sealed cases (such as an acceptable, sealed dealer packaging box) until it can be feasibly removed from the convention grounds. All products that are unsealed or unbound must be immediately removed from convention grounds, or placed in coat check.

Any item(s) deemed unacceptable may be placed in Coat Check free of charge if they were purchased that same day from an on-site dealer.

### **Special Circumstances:**

Any items that are real weapons, or are in any way illegal, can never be admitted on convention grounds. However, if you believe you have a special circumstance (for example: an entry in the cosplay contest, etc.) regarding a prop item that has been modified to be harmless (for example: a dull, unable to be sharpened prop), you may email [consafety@tsukinocon.com](mailto:consafety@tsukinocon.com) with a detailed description of the item, the features used to prevent the item from being dangerous, and why you feel special consideration is warranted. Please include pictures if possible.

**\*\*However, Tsukino-Con and Tsukino-Con staff fully reserve the right to deny any special requests for any reason at their discretion.**