
New Weapons Policy

Posted by Duo Monkey - 2008/03/13 16:36

As mentioned in a previous thread the rules about fake guns have changed. And no we're still in public people, you have to go by the rules. What does this mean? Means all prop guns MUST be see through so we can see the insides of it or brightly colored. Sucky I know but it's better than a hefty fine for not following the rules.

- (a) No person may openly display or expose any imitation firearm, as defined in Section 12550, in a public place.
- (b) Violation of this section, except as provided in subdivision (c), is an infraction punishable by a fine of one hundred dollars (\$100) for the first offense, and three hundred dollars (\$300) for a second offense.
- (c) A third or subsequent violation of this section is punishable as a misdemeanor.
- (d) Subdivision (a) shall not apply to the following, when the imitation firearm is:
 - (1) Packaged or concealed so that it is not subject to public viewing.
 - (2) Displayed or exposed in the course of commerce, including commercial film or video productions, or for service, repair, or restoration of the imitation firearm.
 - (3) Used in a theatrical production, a motion picture, video, television, or stage production.
 - (4) Used in conjunction with a certified or regulated sporting event or competition.
 - (5) Used in conjunction with lawful hunting, or lawful pest control activities.
 - (6) Used or possessed at certified or regulated public or private shooting ranges.
 - (7) Used at fairs, exhibitions, expositions, or other similar activities for which a permit has been obtained from a local or state government.
 - (8) Used in military, civil defense, or civic activities, including flag ceremonies, color guards, parades, award presentations, historical reenactments, and memorials.
 - (9) Used for public displays authorized by public or private schools or displays that are part of a museum collection.
 - (10) Used in parades, ceremonies, or other similar activities for which a permit has been obtained from a local or state government.
 - (11) Displayed on a wall plaque or in a presentation case.
 - (12) Used in areas where the discharge of a firearm is lawful.
 - (13) A device where the entire exterior surface of the device is white, bright red, bright orange, bright yellow, bright green, bright blue, bright pink, or bright purple, either singly or as the predominant color in combination with other colors in any pattern, or where the entire device is constructed of transparent or translucent materials which permits unmistakable observation of the device's complete contents. Merely having an orange tip as provided in federal law and regulations does not satisfy this requirement. The entire surface must be colored or transparent or translucent.
- (e) For purposes of this section, the term "public place" means an area open to the public and includes streets, sidewalks, bridges, alleys, plazas, parks, driveways, front yards, parking lots, automobiles, whether moving or not, and buildings open to the general public, including those that serve food or drink, or provide entertainment, and the doorways and entrances to buildings or dwellings. (THIS INCLUDES THE HOTEL)

I know you all work very hard on your props but the law is the law. And we ain't above it.

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Re:New Weapons Policy

Posted by ShadowDark - 2008/03/13 19:51

i have a question.

say we're doing a private photoshoot or something, and we just want to use the props for the photoshoot. once the shoot

is over, we put them away in the hotel room/car. would that be considered ok? im just curious since im doing a cosplay that requires me carrying pistols, and if i were to do a photoshoot i was wondering if it would be ok to bring the prop pistols out just for that reason (i wouldn't have them on me during the con). if not i completely understand, i was just hoping for clarification :)

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Re:New Weapons Policy

Posted by Duo Monkey - 2008/03/13 21:42

Again: e) For purposes of this section, the term "public place" means an area open to the public and includes streets, sidewalks, bridges, alleys, plazas, parks, driveways, front yards, parking lots, automobiles, whether moving or not, and buildings open to the general public, including those that serve food or drink, or provide entertainment, and the doorways and entrances to buildings or dwellings. (THIS INCLUDES THE HOTEL)

So unless you're in your hotel room I think it's not ok. Sorry bout that.

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Re:New Weapons Policy

Posted by ShadowDark - 2008/03/13 23:32

darn. oh well. thanks for the clarification though ^^

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Re:New Weapons Policy

Posted by Gothkitti - 2008/03/14 11:26

It makes sense. It sucks, but the law is the law. It'll just require a little more creativity from cosplayers. ^_~

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Re:New Weapons Policy

Posted by hibaakaiko - 2008/03/14 11:36

~Shrugs~ I think it's for the best, if I was a cop, and I saw someone with a weapon, weather it was real or not, I'd probalby shoot first and ask questions latter for my safty and safty of others.

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Re:New Weapons Policy

Posted by Gothkitti - 2008/03/15 12:36

As far as I know, that's probably the reason for the law change in California. There were several instances of kids getting shot when playing with Airsoft guns at night because the weapons looked realistic enough and the kids didn't know to immediately drop the guns when the cops shined flashlights on them.

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Re:New Weapons Policy

Posted by Duo Monkey - 2008/03/15 12:43

Have I ever mentioned that children scare me and I never want one?

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Re:New Weapons Policy

Posted by hibaakaiko - 2008/03/15 13:48

But...Duo...I'm your love child...

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Re:New Weapons Policy

Posted by Schuldig - 2008/04/22 04:44

Oh no. Oh no, oh no.

Is there no way around it by applying for, say, (7) or (10)? This might sound a little harsh, but we'll be coming from Denmark, using all our summer holiday and quite a lot of money in order to go, and if we can't even bring all of our costumes... then we need to talk over dinner.

(And no, it's not that I think the con stands and falls with our presence *g*, but I'm pretty sure I'm not the only one who would rather see an exception.)

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Re:New Weapons Policy

Posted by Gothkitti - 2008/04/22 09:39

I can tell you right now that those permits are ridiculously expensive. They're basically geared towards events that number in the tens of thousands.

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Re:New Weapons Policy

Posted by Schuldig - 2008/04/22 12:03

Ah, I was afraid it would be something like that. Dang!

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Re:New Weapons Policy

Posted by Titania - 2008/04/29 08:26

Not only would the permits be expensive, if we have the permits, we would have to increase the con's insurance coverage, which would be an additional cost.

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Re:New Weapons Policy

Posted by Duo Monkey - 2008/05/02 16:51

Yeah, what she said. *pointies!*

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Re:New Weapons Policy

Posted by Neko_Bazu - 2008/05/03 02:21

So in short, if we all wanna pay about \$50 extra for entry, we can have the weapons. Otherwise, it's a no-go.

I can't see that campaign garnering too much support ;)

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Re:New Weapons Policy

Posted by Schuldig - 2008/05/03 03:35

It was just a question. I am, for obvious reasons, not that familiar with U.S. laws and permits, and if there had been a way around the prop-hysteria, that would have been nice. As it is, there isn't. I do assume wooden swords are still in order despite being covered in silver leaf, not painted pink?

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Re:New Weapons Policy

Posted by Duo Monkey - 2008/05/03 08:18

Wooden weapons are allowed. We do not allow wooden paddles and bats. There's more details in rules section. And of course if you're going around hitting people with any prop then it's not allowed. ^^ Otherwise it's all on the page.

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Re:New Weapons Policy

Posted by Duo Monkey - 2008/05/03 08:20

For your viewing pleasure. :3 <http://www.yaoicon.com/weapons-policy.html>

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Re:New Weapons Policy

Posted by Ed - 2008/07/30 20:14

So are kunai allowed?

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Re:New Weapons Policy

Posted by Duo Monkey - 2008/07/30 20:30

If they are not metal they are allowed.

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Re:New Weapons Policy

Posted by Ed - 2008/07/31 10:18

Oh, okay. Thanks. And...are styrofoam chakrams allowed?

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Re:New Weapons Policy

Posted by Duo Monkey - 2008/07/31 11:17

Anything not live steel, or a gun that doesn't follow the rules of being brightly colored or see-through.

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Re:New Weapons Policy

Posted by Ed - 2008/08/01 11:53

Thanks. :D

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Re:New Weapons Policy

Posted by silver - 2008/08/14 23:40

I am planning on making a bat for my Kingdom Hearts Seifer character out of Florist Foam (it's the green foam like stuff in fake flower arrangements) and was wondering if that is ok?

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Re:New Weapons Policy

Posted by Duo Monkey - 2008/08/15 00:30

Tis fine, just no going around whapping people with it. That's not nice.

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Re:New Weapons Policy

Posted by silver - 2008/08/15 22:20

Ok thanks.

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