

# Rules for Cosplay Weapons

Frankfurter Buchmesse attracts many visitors from all around the world – and many have never heard of cosplay. They may even come from active crises or war zones and not understand why cosplayers carry weapons. Due to these concerns and general security at the fair, we must take special precautions regarding cosplay weapons. We ask for your understanding.

Police and security staff at the fair are responsible for admission checks including cosplay weapon checks. Their instructions must be followed.

Unlike other large events, there is no general ban on cosplay weapons at Frankfurter Buchmesse. However, the following restrictions apply:



## Entry

Cosplayers are asked to use the following entrances:  
/ City (at the Messeturm)  
/ Torhaus (S-Bahn station "Messe")

These entrances have special cloakrooms where unauthorised cosplay weapons can be stored.

## Realistic weapons ban

Objects that look deceptively similar to real weapons are banned at the fair, especially functional firearms, e.g. airsoft guns and replicas of all kinds. Such items must always be handed over at the entrances.

## Mandatory labelling of all cosplay weapons

Cosplay weapons will be marked conspicuously by staff at the entrances so that they are clearly visible to visitors and security personnel from a distance. This marking must not be removed on the exhibition grounds.

### Don't



### Do



**Any other questions?**  
Then get in touch:  
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