

COSPLAYER / CHARACTER

Pop Culture Conventions 101 :

A guide to Pop Culture convention etiquette and how to properly interact with cosplayers

Convention Etiquette

THE DON'TS



Inappropriate or unpermitted touching of a person or their costume



Catcalling



Stalking



Photographing without permission



Tackling/sudden hugs



Pestering for requests or pictures.

Convention Guidelines

- **Violation** of any law or local government rule.
- **Solicitation or economic activity** within the venue/area of the convention that is **not approved** by the convention organizers.
- **Smoking** within non-smoking areas.
- **Offensive, unruly, and lewd language** (such as profanity, obscene gestures, slurs) that are used to **disturb others**.
- **Fabrication, sharing and illegal duplication** of wristbands and ID badges.

Prohibited items and actions

Liquor



Illegal drugs



Real weapons



Outside food & drinks



Smoking



Cosplay is NOT Consent



"Cosplay is not Consent" is a movement that officially started when signs that said "Cosplay \neq Consent" were seen at the New York Comic Con in 2014 to **raise awareness against sexual harassment experienced by cosplayers at conventions**. The phrase was first used as a motto by the Geeks for CONsent during 2013, and today, it is a popular catchphrase around the world among con-goers as a reminder to treat cosplayers with the same respect as any other person

Cosplaying is a creative endeavor that is all about having fun and is open for everyone, let's make an effort to keep conventions a safe place for people to enjoy what they love.

Safety tips for cosplayers

- **Set your boundaries**, you always have the right to say no if you're feeling uncomfortable with a request or having your photograph taken.
- **Bring a friend if you can and want to**, having a buddy to look out for you can come in handy, especially when there are some creeps who might stealthily take inappropriate pictures of you from behind.
- **Always meet people in public spaces**, don't follow someone to a different location because they request it.

Reminders for interacting with cosplayers

- Always ask politely, and respect a cosplayer's boundaries.
- Avoid asking for pictures when they're resting.
- Do not give rude comments, negatively critique, give unwanted advice to a cosplayer or take pictures of them with the intention of ridiculing their cosplay on social media



Don't be scared to report to the Proper Authorities if you experience or witness any harassment incidents.

Harassment has no place at conventions, and we encourage everyone to report any form of harassment during the event to any of the event staff or security so that they can take swift action.



Check out our website for more!

