

# Bruin Con Rules and Regulations

Bellevue University expects all attendees to follow Bellevue University's policies during the event, including but not limited to policies regarding conduct, health & safety, discrimination & harassment, alcohol, drugs, tobacco, and weapons. All attendees will be required to conduct themselves in a manner that respects the rights of all individuals to experience a safe, secure, and comfortable environment. Staff may ask individuals who engage in behavior that prevents others from enjoying the convention to leave the Bellevue University property. Additional guidelines below outline expectations for attendees of Bruin Con:

## Code of Conduct

- All attendees will be required to comply with all requests of staff, attendees must respect common sense rules for public behavior, personal interaction, common courtesy, and respect for private property. Harassing or offensive behavior will not be tolerated. Bruin Con reserves the right to remove any attendee from the event. Persons finding themselves in a situation where they feel their safety is at risk or who become aware of an attendee not in compliance with this policy should immediately locate the nearest member of Security or Staff so that the matter can be handled in an expeditious manner.
- All attendees are prohibited from the illegal use, possession, or distribution of drugs or alcohol on all University property, at University activities, or while on University business. (See [University Alcohol and Drug Policy](#))
- Bellevue University is a tobacco free campus. All attendees are prohibited from using any type of tobacco-related items while on University property. (See [University Tobacco-Free Policy](#))
- Firearms or weapons of any kind are prohibited on Bellevue University property (to include owned, leased, rented, or any establishment procured for University use or under the control of the University). This includes firearms or weapons carried on an individual's person, including concealed weapons. Further, firearms or weapons are not allowed in a University vehicle or in an individual's personal vehicle if the personal vehicle is on University property or being used on University business. These prohibitions apply to all individuals, even if they are legally authorized to possess a firearm or licensed to conceal and carry a firearm. (See [University Weapons Policy](#))
- Attendees must conduct themselves in accordance with Bellevue University's non-discrimination policy, which prohibits discrimination, harassment, and retaliation based upon race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, genetic information, military obligations, or status in any other group protected by local, state, or federal law. (See [University Non-discrimination Policy](#) and [Title IX Policy](#))

## Cosplay Regulations

- Ask permission before taking someone's photograph.
- Ask permission before touching others - this includes their costumes/props.
- Hate symbols, including historical symbols like swastikas, are not allowed.

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- Please use good judgment. This is a family friendly event: costumes must be suitable for a PG audience. If you are unsure of a costume's appropriateness, you can contact Con Staff at [library@bellevue.edu](mailto:library@bellevue.edu) to check.
  - The library does not permit clothing that depicts nudity, profanity, hate speech, or adult content at this event. Costumes should not be too revealing, regardless of sex. The following are prohibited: nudity, flesh-colored fabric or body suits that simulate nudity; undergarments as clothing; clothing that does not fully cover genitalia, breast, or buttocks; costumes or clothing that do not cover at least as much as standard swimwear. If you are not clothed properly, you will be asked to change. If you cannot, you will be asked to leave the convention.
  - Shoes, slippers, or sandals must be worn at all times. Bare feet are not allowed. (Please see the Welcome Packet on how to make invisible shoes.)
  - Stilts, roller skates, wagons, scooters, skateboards, bikes, ice skates, inline skates, and hover boards are prohibited within the event.
  - Body paint will need to follow the Cosplay regulations and will need to be sealed properly before arriving at Bruin Con. If an attendee's body paint is not properly sealed and results in paint transfer to Library or other attendee's property you will be asked to leave. (Please see the Welcome Packet for instructions on how to properly seal body paint.)
  - Wings or other expandable or protruding parts of cosplays must be collapsible, removable, or the attendee must have the assistance of a handler in order to prevent impeding crowds during the event. Costumes and props must be able to fit through a standard size door and must not impede foot traffic, block doorways, exist, or present a hazard to others.
  - Costumes must not obstruct the wearer's movement or vision in a way that presents a safety hazard. Attendees are asked to use a handler if their costumes impede movement or vision. (a handler is another attendee who will escort you around the event.)
  - If you have any questions about cosplay please contact the Library for more information at 402-557-7314 or [library@bellevue.edu](mailto:library@bellevue.edu).
- Weapons and props
  - All weapons and props must be brought to the Prop Check Station for inspection by staff. Any item(s), as well as some costumes, may warrant inspection as well. The Prop Check Station will assess any problems on-site and on a case-by-case basis. Staff will also be happy to answer any questions regarding these items.
  - All prop weapons must be checked and peace-bonded (zip-tied) before entering the event. Once your prop has been peace-bonded the binding must remain on the prop at all times and not be removed.
  - Real blades real firearms, and real weapons of any kind are prohibited. This includes but is not limited to: firearms; ammunition; martial arts weapons; knives, blades, swords, or any items with cutting edges, explosives, fireworks, and flash powders; bows/arrows; tasers, stun guns, and similar devices; any projectile

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items, including paint ball guns, bb guns, pellet guns, air soft guns, and similar devices: brass knuckles; pepper spray; any other items determined by the University capable of producing harm or bodily injury.

- Props should not be displayed in a manner that poses a risk or nuisance to others. Brandishing or swinging a prop, with the exception of safely posing for photos is prohibited. Attendees must not touch or point a prop item at another person without their permission or use a prop item to annoy, harass, threaten, or intimidate others.
- No flash powder, confetti, silly string, or similar material may be used during the event.
- Real food cannot be used for food props.
- Those who violate this policy will be subject to removal from the event.
- If you have any questions about props please contact the Library for more information at 402-557-7314 or [library@bellevue.edu](mailto:library@bellevue.edu).

The staff of Bruin Con reserves the right to amend these policies without prior notice, and any ruling made by the staff is final. Staff reserves the right to inspect costumes and props, verify peace-bonding and peace-marking, as well as the right to check bag contents or personal identification at any time during the convention or while on University property.