## WEAPONS POLICY

Failure to comply with these guidelines may result in being banned from the event and local enforcement contacted.

For the general wellbeing and safety of all GhMX patrons and workers, weapons, imitation weapons (replicas) and props must be displayed and sold under the following Guidelines. In addition, all GhMX attendees must comply with all Federal, State and local laws and Regulations regarding weapons, imitation weapons and props, as well as their usage.

It is mandatory for all exhibitors who sell, display or demonstrate weapons of any kind to show this policy in a clearly visible location within their exhibition space.

### **Display of Weapons**

- 1. There must be no protrusion or sharp or pointed edges or points that can bring harm, or create a hazard, to workers or general public.
- 2. All weapons and large props or replicas, including wooden, metal and cosplay swords are to be displayed in cabinets or racks which must be generally inaccessible to public.
- 3. Items must not be able to be removed from the sale or display area without the express knowledge and intervention of the exhibitor.
- 4. Please see Safety Officer on site if you are unsure if your display complies with the Event and State Police Service Rules.

# Sale of Weapons

Any weapon classified as a 'Schedule 1 Prohibited Weapon' (under the Weapons Act 1999 and Weapons Regulations 1999) is not allowed to be sold, displayed or brought into the event or in and around the event venue. These prohibited weapons include:

- a. Acoustic shock weapons
- b. Ballistic knives or 'star knives'/'ninja stars'
- c. Blow pipes
- d. Butterfly knives or similar devices
- e. Catapults (with or without arm brace)
- f. Crossbows, spear guns, slingshots or hunting slings
- g. Disguised knives or swords
- h. Electric shock weapons
- i. Electromagnetic weapons
- Extendable batons, nunchaku or batons (unless clearly produced and identified as a child's toy)
- k. Flick knives, sheath knives or switchblades
- Gas darts
- m. Knuckle dusters, or gloves with a number of raised studs designed to increase the effect of a blow
- n. Knuckle knives or trench knives
- o. Spray weapons (other than oleoresin capsicum)
- p. Whips with multiple tails or metal components
- a. Flails or maces

The sale of any of the following must include instructions (labels on packaging supported by verbal instruction) to the purchaser that they are not to open from packaging until home:

- a. Live blades or knives
- b. Firearms
- c. BB or 'Air Guns' (even without caps),
- d. Dangerous or concealed spikes or studs
- e. Martial arts weapons (including practice)
- f. Replica weapons

GhMX attendees are under no circumstance permitted to possess any actual weapons, unless sealed in packaging. Therefore, it is recommended all weapons sold, be packaged with a clearly printed label that states the rules and regulations to the consumer.

Please see a printable example below;

### HARD WOOD BATS, SWORDS/BLADES OR POINTS

- 1. All wooden swords purchased at GhMX can be used as part of your Cosplay Costume, in formal competition spaces only.
- 2. NO enactment of any kind is allowed without prior permission from GhMX Management.
- 3. All wooden swords sold must be housed in a cardboard box.
- 4. On leaving, all swords must be carried out of the event inside the cardboard box.
- 5. GhMX Management reserves the right to confiscate swords in the event of contravening this rule, with return to the owner upon leaving.

### METAL SWORDS/BLADES OR POINTS

- All metal swords or blades purchased must be housed in a cardboard box, sealed, secured and are to remain with the seller until
  ready to depart.
- 2. The swords must be kept inside the box until you are at home.
- 3. GhMX Management reserves the right to confiscate swords in the event of any contravention of these Rules.
- 4. NO metal swords are allowed to be exposed whilst inside and outside the event perimeter. Anyone caught doing so WILL be charged by the Police for carrying a weapon.

NOTE: Routine inspections may be conducted by uniformed and plain clothes Police during this event.

Printable Label Example