

COSTUME & PROPS POLICY

Please read this entire policy before attending the Toronto International Film Festival (“TIFF”) boombox event on Thursday, October 31, 2019.

Intent

TIFF is vitally interested in the ongoing health and safety of our employees, as well as that of our clients, visitors and guests. TIFF has adopted this policy to ensure that we minimize the threat of injuries associated with weapons or props on our premises. As such, possession of a weapon is prohibited while on company premises and anywhere else that company business, is conducted. Due to the nature of our business a series of guidelines for safe costume and prop rules have been established.

Policy

- All TIFF boombox attendees, exhibitors and staff must comply with all Federal, Provincial and local laws and regulations regarding weapons, imitation weapons and props, as well as their usage.
- Attendees are reminded that while travelling to and from the event, to make sure due care is taken on your behalf to ensure any costume accessories or props, which could cause public alarm, are stored in bag or in a storage container.
- TIFF boombox attendees are, under no circumstances, allowed to possess or bring to the event grounds any actual weapons. Unlawful possession of weapons is an offence and will result in denied admission into the event or prosecution.
- All costume accessories and props must be in plain sight at all times and are subject to mandatory inspections performed by TIFF boombox staff or security staff. As a general rule, **no metal props are allowed**. Additional rules are outlined below.
- Any weapon, prop, or item not covered in this policy must be inspected by security staff at the Front Entrance Security Check; these items will be dealt with on a case by case basis.
- All costume accessories or props deemed hazardous by TIFF will be prohibited. All decisions with what objects, props and costume accessories are permitted into event grounds are in the sole discretion of TIFF.

Improper use of props or costume accessories at the event can be deemed dangerous and guest can be asked to check their props or costume accessories at Coat Check or be asked to leave the event.

1. Front Entrance Security Check

At the Front Entrance Security Check, security will inspect that your prop complies with the below TIFF boombox rules and regulations regarding costume accessories and props.

If not approved, attendees can check it at coat-check. Non-approved props or costume accessories can not be brought onto premises. You may return at the end of your visit to pick up your prop or costume accessory. Props and costume accessories left at coat-check past the event end time on Friday, October 28 at 1am will be disposed of. TIFF is not liable for any damages of costume accessories or props.

For full rules and regulations regarding props, please see below.

2. Guns and projectile weapons

Live firearms including airsoft, modern, hunting or historic, either functioning or de-commissioned, are not permitted at any TIFF boombox event. Replica firearms made from metal, solid resin/plastic/rubber are not to be brought onto event grounds. All other firearms/projectile weapons are required to have orange safety tips at all times on event grounds.

No props or weapons capable of firing any projectile or powder charge of any kind. This is for the safety of both yourself and the people around you. Nerf guns and other foam dart guns ARE allowed, but they must not have any foam darts loaded at any time.

Bows and slingshots are allowed, however, they must be de-strung. There must be no capacity to fire any object from the bow or slingshot. Arrows and other items used in bows or slingshots are prohibited.

TIFF boombox does not allow ANY laser pointers to be used on the event grounds. If you have a laser pointer in your prop or weapon, make sure it cannot function by either removing the batteries, or simply not bringing it. If any prop or costume accessories are deemed unacceptable by TIFF boombox security, attendees will be asked to check it with security while they are on the event grounds. Refusal to do so will result in being banned from the event without refund and local authorities being contacted.

3. Swords, blades, knives and other props

Metal swords, metal knives and other active martial arts weapons are not allowed to be brought onto any of the event grounds. Failure to comply will result in being banned from the event without refund and local authorities will be contacted.

Costume swords must be tied to your costume in such a way that they can't be drawn.

Blunt weapons such as baseball bats and hockey sticks are prohibited.

4. Prop weight and shape restrictions

No items can have sharp points, sharp edges, excessive weight or any other features that could be deemed dangerous to others (e.g. we do not allow metal replica samurai swords, “BB guns/air guns” even if they are not loaded). If the items are not approved during security inspection, they are forbidden on event grounds. Non-approved items can not be brought into the premises or must be checked at coat check. Failure to comply will result in being escorted off the event premises and banned from the event without refund.

Props with an excessive weight are subject to approval by security at the event entrances. There is no set weight limit, however, if it is deemed to be too heavy or unsafe, it will be requested that the item is checked at the coat-check for the duration of the event.

Please consider how heavy your props are because you're going to either be carrying them all night, or be forced to check them in at the coat-check if they are deemed too heavy to be at the event.

5. Important Legal Information

TIFF will not be held legally responsible or liable for any misconduct, damages, injuries or death resulting from the actions of any TIFF boombox attendee. Any inappropriate behaviour or misconduct by any attendee will be not be tolerated by TIFF or local authorities. Please use your best judgment and discretion by refraining from swinging weapons around, or using them in an intimidating or threatening manner.

If you have any more questions or inquiries, please do not hesitate to email us at customerrelations@tiff.net.

The TIFF logo is displayed in a large, white, lowercase, sans-serif font. The letters are bold and have a modern, clean design. The 'i' has a simple dot, and the 'f's have a slight curve at the top. The logo is positioned in the bottom right corner of the page.