



NORCON Survival guide

1. **If you have any Covid symptoms – PLEASE STAY AT HOME.**
2. Make sure you have your tickets either with you, printed or on your phone/tablet ready to be scanned. **NO Ticket – NO entry.**
3. Check that you are coming on the correct day and at the correct time as per your ticket.
4. Make sure you are in the correct queue (Early Admission or General Admission); it could be a long walk to the back of the correct queue if you get it wrong.
5. **READ OUR POLICY ON COSPLAY AND BANNED ITEMS ON OUR WEBSITE.** Any items that are deemed dangerous or not adhering to our policy will be confiscated by security and returned to the owner at the end of the show. If in doubt – leave it behind.
6. Bring a brolly or poncho in case of poor weather.
7. Plan to walk a lot. Wear comfortable shoes, even with costumes.
8. It can be a long day and get quite warm inside the venue – bring some deodorant with you and stay fresh.
9. If you heavily use a power-hungry phone, carry a battery charger so you can recharge w/o a socket
10. **THERE ARE NO CASHPOINTS ON SITE** – please ensure that you bring enough cash with you for the day. Some traders will be accepting card payments. Use your bank's website to locate branches/ATMs near the con and your hotel before you leave.
11. When buying something, try your best to pay with the closest change possible, as it is difficult for many traders to keep handing out large amounts of change. Most traders will use contactless card machines.
12. Make sure that you keep your fluids up – it can be a long day and the food vendors on site will all have drinks available for purchase.
13. Some guests will hold a Q&A session near the end of their stage chat. This can be the most cringe-worthy part of any panel because people do not think before they speak. This is not a criticism. We absolutely understand getting star struck, wanting to take the opportunity to



Speak with a famous person you admire, and not having a good question to back it up. Just think before you ask, you are going to be in front of hundreds of people all watching and listening to you.

14. Guests are now often charging for “selfies” so be prepared for this. This is the way they make their income.
15. Guests will be charging for autographs, selfies or combos (Autograph + selfie at a reduced price). **PLEASE** make sure you bring some £5.00 notes or pay the exact fee as often the guest assistant will not have enough change for the entire day.
16. Guest prices are displayed behind each guest for Autographs, Selfies, Photoshoots and Combo’s. They will also display the guest Photoshoot times and lunch break times.
17. There is limited seating for the on stage events – this does fill up quickly please do not take up any seats with packages or bags. Be prepared that popular stage events like the orchestra could be standing room only. We will try and get as many persons requiring disability access to the front of the area as is safely viable.
18. Be respectful of the Cosplayers and other Fandoms, what you may not like others may love and vice versa.
19. Cosplayers do not mind taking a picture with you. They usually put a ton of effort into their costumes and want to show them off. They enjoy it, so there is no need to be shy. You do need to be polite though, so always ask first.
20. Do not grab cosplayers and try to drag them into a quick pic, and be careful about hand placement when posing. Shoulders are always safe, arms around an abdomen are usually fine, but anything else is inappropriate and unwanted. Absolutely no groping, regardless of how little attire they are wearing. **COSPLAY IS NOT CONSENT!** Anyone breaching this code of conduct will be immediately removed from the event by Event Security.
21. If you are cosplaying yourself, be prepared to spend a lot of time posing for pictures.

Also: if you are wearing a big or heavy costume, pack some extra deodorant and reapply often.
22. There will be a small Cosplay Hospital outside at the event for advice and minor repairs.
23. If your child is into dress-up, let them choose a costume. They will have a great time cosplaying. Be aware that people may want to take photos, so best policy is to establish ground rules with your child.



24. If bringing a small child with you, a good policy is to write a contact number and have them keep that in their pocket just in case they get separated from you at some point. We will also have some blank wristbands and a permanent pen if required so you can write down a contact number and attach the wristband to your child.
25. Any lost children meeting point will be **SECURITY or FIRST AID: MAIN FOYER AREA** inside the main Arena. Please talk to our security staff for instructions and help should you need to and make sure your children know where to go or to ask a member of staff for help if needed.
26. We do state to guests and acts whilst on stage to minimise any profanity – this is a LIVE event, occasionally a rude word or two slips through, we do our best though to control and contain this.
27. Children are welcome at NORCON, but that does not mean that every attendee will show discretion to suit your tastes. There are always lots of intimidating costumes around and a few Slave Leia's, for example, so be ready to explain to your 6-year-old "why that lady's wearing fancy underwear." Your kid is going to see some crazy, inexplicable stuff, so... be ready for the questions.
28. Whilst there will be fan made Disney, Marvel, DC and other cartoon like characters at NORCON, there could be some costumes or exhibits that may come across as slightly intimidating to more nervous or younger people. This is a COMIC CON so be prepared to see anything from games, comics, TV & Film.
29. There will be some body-painting exhibitors at the event, all models are covered and there is **NO** nudity. NORCON is a big area and you can easily walk to another part of the venue to avoid them if you do not wish to see them.
30. Remember – there is a **LOT** of information on the website – **check the FAQ section** and web pages for answers to questions and also frequent schedule and guest updates.
31. **HAVE FUN** – That's why NORCON is what it is, just come along, leave your cares and worries at the door and soak up that geeky goodness and enjoy.

GET YOUR GEEK ON AT NORCON

