

## Furnal Equinox Apparel Guidelines

Furnal Equinox offers an environment which allows attendees to dress themselves in a comfortable and expressive manner. This sort of apparel takes many forms ranging from everyday clothes, fursuits, to alternative apparel, in celebration of their unique identities and artistry. However, we ask that attendees who wish to participate in wearing different forms of apparel exercise common sense, respect, and good judgement for those both who are part of our event, and those who are visiting the location.

As a base guideline, attendees must be clothed in such a manner that sufficiently complies with applicable laws, and does not bring the convention into disrepute:

- Attendees must maintain a minimum level of body coverage (t-shirt and shorts, or equivalent)
- Clothing and/or accessories that overly accentuate, deliberately draw attention to, and/or reveal genitalia are not permitted;
- No items that will unduly compromise your mobility or safety;
- Any logo, symbol, flag, or imagery or any kind that is, or appears to be, intended to provoke or spread hate is not permitted.

Furnal Equinox requests that attendees be discreet with their apparel (fursuits, collars, ears, harnesses, etc) when the convention is not running. (Especially in the hotel)

### **Always Permitted**

The following attire **is considered appropriate at all hours** of the convention:

- Collars
- Nylon 'dogsled style' harnesses
- Cuffs (Cannot be used to bind a person)
- Leashes (Cannot be held by another person, and must not be unsecured)
- Locks (**On collars and jewelry apparel only**)
- Spandex Costumes (E.g. Spiderman/Deadpool)
- Puppy hoods

## **After Hours**

During the hours of 9pm to con space close, we relax the rules a little to allow a larger set of alternative apparel to be worn throughout the **convention space only**. The following attire applies to 'After Hours':

- Pony hoods
- Bodysuits (Not the fursuit kind, and must be opaque)
- Harnesses

## **Never Permitted**

The following attire is **never permitted at any time** for safety reasons (exceptions must be approved by a Director and be used in a controlled environment):

- 'In use' restraints (the wearer is bound/restrained by such)
- Chains (This includes Choke Chains)
- Anything that can restrict breathing (e.g. gags)
- Straightjackets
- Fistmitts

## **General**

Furnal Equinox reserves the right, at any time and for any reason, to request an attendee change their attire. Items may also be removed in the event of a medical emergency. Attendees are encouraged to have a change of clothes (which are appropriate for all hours) available to them within the hotel and/or convention space.

Furnal Equinox also reserves the right to approve/deny items at any time. (E.g. Items approved based on artistic merit) This approval may only come from security staff, or a director.

Furnal Equinox is **not** responsible for any personal injury that may occur as a result of personal attire / costume choice.

Please note that bringing alternative attire into spaces such as the hotel lobby, pool, hotel restaurants/bars or other public spaces may result in the hotel taking action, and asking the attendee to change into appropriate attire, leave the premises, or ban the attendee from the premises. We would also like to remind attendees that it is not appropriate to be wearing any sort of non-religious headwear when being asked to present photo ID. This is very important when checking into your hotel room, or ordering food/beverages from the hotel bar.

As an additional reminder, we encourage people to be aware that public spaces such as the TTC and Go transit systems can forbid non-religious headwear. It is also considered rude/inappropriate to wear non-religious headwear when being served/waited upon in places such as the hotel front desk, information kiosks, corner stores, and non-hotel restaurants & bars.

If you choose to wear inappropriate apparel within conspace (Before acceptable hours, or if your apparel does not meet our standards), you will be informed of the policy, asked to confirm your understanding, and escorted to a suitable location to change into your street clothes.

Any subsequent violations, or extreme violations, will be treated as a violation of Rule 3 (PG Rating) of our Code of Conduct, and may result in loss of your admission to Furnal Equinox, or further action.

Remember: we're all here to have a great time, but be safe and be respectful. If you have any questions during the convention about the apparel guidelines, ask the nearest staff member from security, or a director to get the information you need. If they cannot provide you with the information, ask that they point you to someone who can assist you.

These guidelines are subject to change, and may be updated at any time.