

## SAFETY CHECK POLICY

At the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center (CMCC), our highest priority is to create a safe & secure environment for all guests and employees. In order to provide an environment where our guests can safely enjoy the event, the CMCC may require security checks.

Safety checks are event specific and will be determined by CMCC management, including the type of safety check conducted. These checks may include, but are not limited to, walk through metal detectors, handheld wand detectors, bag checks, and pat downs may take place at the entrances of the facility prior to some events. Safety checks may require the opening/emptying of bags and pockets. Guests may have to walk through a security screening area prior to gaining access to the CMCC. The CMCC recommends that patrons should plan to arrive earlier than normal to allow for this enhanced security process. The CMCC reserves the right to refuse items which may cause a danger or disruption to an event or other guest. Any guest who declines to be searched or is in possession of a prohibited item may be denied entry or ejected from the facility.

A Columbia Police Department Police Officer is required at all entrances utilizing the safety check.

### **THE FOLLOWING ITEMS MAY BE PROHIBITED:**

- Aerosol Cans (ex. spray paint, etc.)
- Alcoholic Beverages
- Animals (unless an ADA trained service animal)
- Large Bags / Boxes / Containers
- Bottles / Cans of any kind
- Chairs / Tents
- Coolers / Thermos
- Drones / Flying Objects (unless prior approval obtained by CMCC Management)
- Drugs
- Fireworks
- Helium Balloons
- Inflatable Items
- Laser Pointing Devices
- Noise-Making Devices (ex. air horn, bull horn, whistles, etc.)
- Outside Food and Drink (medical exceptions)
- Poles / Selfie Sticks
- Projectile Toy Weapons (ex. silly string guns, water guns, slingshots, etc.)
- Tripods
- Weapons of Any Type (including, but not limited to, guns, knives, pepper spray, stun guns, blades, tools, brass knuckles, clubs, etc.)
- Any other item deemed unacceptable by event/CMCC management

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