

The Cat in the Hat costume is an expensive investment. It must be kept clean and presentable for the enjoyment of all who use it for their activity.

**YOU WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE COST OF ANY REPAIRS RESULTING FROM DAMAGE OR ALTERATIONS.**

Thank you.

**READ BEFORE PUTTING ON COSTUME**

It is necessary that this costume be kept clean, fresh & presentable and that the person wearing this costume be friendly & professional at all times. The following suggestions should help you to maintain these guidelines.

***Wearing and Caring for the Cat in Hat Costume***

- It is absolutely necessary to have a clean, dry and secure area in which to store the costume, and to use as a dressing room. This area should also have a table and a rack or pole to hang costume parts from.
- Wearing a clean, dry t-shirt every time you wear the costume will prolong the costume's life and keep you more comfortable.
- It is strongly recommended that all costume characters have a non-costumed escort or spotter with them while in public.
- Never remove any portion of your costume while in public, including your head. This destroys the mystique!
- If the costume feet are large and loose on your feet, slip a pair of deck shoes into them before putting your feet in.

Before going out in public for the first time, try your costume on and become familiar with all its features and limitations. Practice animated moves in a mirror to give you a good idea of exactly what the public will be seeing.

**Remember!**

- 1) Be sure your dressing area is secure, clean & dry.
- 2) No smoking, eating or drinking in or around the costume.
- 3) Don't drag your feet.
- 4) NEVER let the public see you take any part of the costume off.
- 5) Keep all costume parts away from heat.
- 6) Do not puncture the head or any part of the costume in any way.
- 7) Do not pick up small children while in costume.
- 8) Handle whiskers and bow tie with care.

## Putting on the Costume

Recommended Wearer Height: 5' 4" – 5' 6"

List of costume parts: Head/Hat, Body, Feet, Gloves

To put costume on:

Begin by making sure that you have all parts that can be pre-assembled put together in a clean and dry area, and that you have someone else there to assist you. It is also recommended that you always wear a dry t-shirt and a pair of shorts under your costume.

To put your costume on, follow these directions in order:

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1. Put on costume.
2. Put on feet: This is done by opening the Velcro on the top of the foot, and reaching inside to pull the webbing tab that is attached to elastic which spans the arch of the foot. Slide foot under the elastic, Velcro the ankle strap around ankle and close up Velcro on the top of the foot.
3. Put on the head and adjust chin strap for best fit. Someone will then need to assist with putting the hat on.

Before shipping or returning the costume, please allow the costume a brief airing-out time.

Should you experience any problems with this procedure or have any questions regarding the costume, please call (505) 982-1916.

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