

TBM Fursuit Care Guide

Safety:

- I recommend buying a [neck cooling tube or neck ice pack](#), as well as a portable fan such as an [O2cool neck fan](#) or [portable blower fan](#) to carry with you that you can put in the fursuit mouth as needed.
- For fullsuiters I recommend [a thermapparel cooling vest](#), especially if you plan to suit for long periods or during the summer months. They are absolutely worth investment and I use one myself.
- Wearing full coverage, compression, sweat wicking clothing is *essential* while fullsuiting. I personally use [underarmour heat gear](#) products, but you can also find sweat-wicking compression long sleeves and leggings at places like target, walmart or nike.
- [I like balaclavas similar to this due to the ability to pull the mouth area down](#), but a starter balaclava is included with all fursuits that include a head.
- None of these products are sponsored, I simply use them myself while fursuiting and find them essential.
- While fursuiting, please be aware of your bodily needs: Stay hydrated, go to the bathroom when you need to, notice if you feel dizzy, light-headed, disoriented or otherwise unwell and find a safe place to

remove your costume as soon as possible.

The infographic is divided into two main sections: Heat Exhaustion (orange background) and Heat Stroke (red background). In the center is a stylized human figure, split vertically: the left half is orange and the right half is red. The figure has a water bottle icon on its left chest and a question mark icon on its right head. To the left of the figure, under the Heat Exhaustion header, are the symptoms: Dizziness, Thirst, Heavy Sweating, Nausea, and Weakness. To the right of the figure, under the Heat Stroke header, are the symptoms: Confusion, Dizziness, and Becomes Unconscious. Each section has a box with 'ACT FAST' instructions. The Heat Exhaustion box lists: Move to a cooler area, Loosen clothing, Sip cool water, and Seek medical help if symptoms don't improve. The Heat Stroke box lists: Move person to a cooler area, Loosen clothing and remove extra layers, and Cool with water or ice. At the bottom, it says 'Heat exhaustion can lead to heat stroke.' and 'Heat stroke can cause death or permanent disability if emergency treatment is not given.' Logos for NIOSH, CDC, and NHTSA are on the left, and a 'Stay Cool, Stay Hydrated, Stay Informed!' message is in the center. A small NHTSA logo is on the right.

Heat Exhaustion	Heat Stroke
ACT FAST • Move to a cooler area • Loosen clothing • Sip cool water • Seek medical help if symptoms don't improve	ACT FAST CALL 911 • Move person to a cooler area • Loosen clothing and remove extra layers • Cool with water or ice
<i>Dizziness</i> <i>Thirst</i> <i>Heavy Sweating</i> <i>Nausea</i> <i>Weakness</i>	<i>Confusion</i> <i>Dizziness</i> <i>Becomes Unconscious</i>
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Stay Cool, Stay Hydrated, Stay Informed!

Kemono Style Fursuits:

- Kemono Style fursuits, especially those with capped eyes can become extremely hot! Please stay hydrated before, during and after fursuiting. If you become uncomfortably hot or feel unwell, immediately remove the fursuit head, drink water or electrolyte drink, sit down, and if needed seek medical attention.
- Due to the style of Kemono Fursuits, the vision can be more limited especially with capped eyes. I recommend to always have a handler when wearing this type of costume. A handler is someone who watches out for you and makes sure you are not going to run into anything or anyone, as well as helping you find water and communicate with others while suiting.

General Care:

- Use the provided brush or other pet brush with nubs on the ends of the tines; a normal pet brush can rip the fur from the backing and damage your suit over time.
- Boar bristle brushes are also a good, gentle option for fursuits!

During Use:

- Wear a sweat wicking balaclava such as the one provided whenever you are wearing your fursuit head
- If using fans: Make sure fans are securely plugged into cables and that the cable is securely attached to the battery pack. The sticky back velcro that secures the cables is movable and extra is provided in case you need more. If you need more velcro than provided, the type used is velcro brand adhesive backed for fabrics as well as anti pill fleece to keep the scratchy part away from the skin.
- If the fans do not power on check that the connections of all wires are secure, that the battery pack is on, that the battery is not dead and that there is no fur getting caught in the fans.
- To keep the eyes from fogging, use anti-fog spray for glasses and wipe with a microfiber cloth before putting on the fursuit.

After Use:

- If your fursuit has fans installed: The fans can be removed for cleaning
- After **every** use of your fursuit, spray 70% isopropyl alcohol or fursuit spray **inside** the head, headpaws and body and place **on/near a fan or in a well ventilated area to dry**. If you do not dry your fursuit properly, you risk mold and bacterial growth, which will **permanently**

ruin your fursuit. I do not repair fursuits that have been damaged due to improper drying and storage.

- **The best way to store a bodysuit is on a hanger (or two hangers)** but if space is an issue, a clean, dry storage container can be used. Do NOT vacuum seal your fursuit for longer than 48 hours and never vacuum seal a fursuit head as this could permanently misshape it.
- If the head needs to be spot cleaned or has a small stain, use [Folex spray](#) and wipe clean.
- [For a more thorough deep cleaning of your fursuit head](#), remove any electronics and eyes (if kemono style), non capped eyes can be submerged. You can hand-wash gently in a clean bathtub or shower with woolite or other gentle laundry detergent. White fursuits benefit from oxi-clean white revive to de-yellow them.. Squeeze out the water into a towel and brush the fur, then put the fursuit head on or near a fan to dry. DO NOT USE HOT WATER, warm water is fine!
- If your fursuit is airbrushed or dry-brushed, SPOT test any detergent or cleaner you may be using on a VERY small area before attempting to submerge or bissell your fursuit head. Alcohol will make the ink run, and any washing of an airbrushed head will cause fading over time. Washing the outside of your airbrushed head is AT YOUR OWN RISK and not covered under warranty! I will retouch a head that has faded for 40/hr however.
- [You can also use a bissell little green machine or similar to clean your fursuit head.](#)
- Once dry, store your fursuit head in a well-ventilated, non-humid area. If you have a white fursuit head, be aware that storing it exposed to sunlight can cause the fur to yellow over time.
- If your fur has wrinkles from shipment, storage, or washing, use a hair dryer at a medium setting and a slicker brush to brush out the wrinkles.

- For the body, feet and handpaws (without resin claws) They can be machine washed on the COLD delicate setting using gentle detergent. Put handpaws and feetpaws in a mesh bag meant for lingerie or delicate items. Turn bodysuit inside out to wash and dry. Dry on **AIR FLUFF ONLY**, **test your dryer on an included swatch of fur to be sure that it does not apply heat to the fur.** Brush everything immediately once dry. If the suit is slightly damp, hang it up to air dry the rest of the way.
- Paws with resin claws, tails, as well as the bodysuit, feetpaws, and regular handpaws [can all be washed by hand in the tub or shower.](#)
- Again: Drying your fursuit properly after washing is essential and cannot be skipped. Fursuits and all parts can be towel dried and hung up, brush your suit immediately after towel drying to prevent matting and crimped fur.

Repairs:

- If a small seam pops, it should be easy to repair yourself. I have included a QR code below that shows how to do an invisible ladder stitch as well as a needle and heavy-duty thread.
- For any damage that you cannot repair yourself, please contact me.
- The fursuit is under warranty for 6 months from the date of delivery, if anything needs a major repair due to my craftsmanship during this time I will repair it for free. This warranty does not cover damages due to negligence, recklessness or that are otherwise caused by the client. I will repair any fursuit I have made for a rate of 40 USD/hr provided that the fursuit is clean.
- Things like the felt eyeliner popping off can be repaired with hot glue.

