

Pre-Investigation Information and Checklist

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Intended Audience: Location owner

What to Know Before We Arrive:

A paranormal investigation involves the use of many sensitive instruments to record images and sounds, and to measure changes in the environment, such as temperature and electromagnetic fields. In order to ensure minimal interference with the investigative equipment, our team will verify the following on arrival:

1. Wireless phones and wireless computer networks have been disconnected.

We ask that all wireless phones in the home be disconnected. Some of our equipment are wireless (such as video cameras) and operation of a wireless phone can interfere with their operation. These phones can also affect electromagnetic field detectors and digital audio recorders. Our team can supply a corded phone if needed.

2. Radios, alarms, stereos, televisions, computers, printers, speakers, ceiling fans, and floor fans have been turned off or disconnected. Additionally, home appliances like microwaves should not be used during the investigation.

All of these items, if operated, can affect the equipment in different ways and make it difficult to take precise readings. In areas where infrared cameras are to be used, it may be necessary to disconnect anything generating light, i.e. clock radios. Please let the team know if this will be a problem in any particular area of the house.

3. All windows and damper on fireplace (if applicable) have been closed.

Open windows and dampers can create fluctuations in temperature that are not related to paranormal activity, as well as allowing outside sounds to reach audio equipment.

4. Any animals present have been confined to a particular area or room.

All animals need to be confined to ensure that the equipment is not disturbed while measurements or recordings are being taken.

5. A minimum number of people are at the location.

Please do not invite friends, family, and neighbors to watch our paranormal investigation. A proper investigation requires that external factors be kept to a minimum. If too many people are present, it becomes increasingly difficult to ensure that the equipment and instruments are not disturbed. Depending on the circumstances, it may be necessary for the location to be empty of everyone except the investigators, though this is not likely. If members of the media are present without our prior knowledge, the investigation *will* be cancelled.

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Please be aware that this is not an exhaustive list. Each investigation is different and may require slightly different procedures to ensure a thorough investigation is being done. It may also become necessary, though rare, to cut power to an area of the location (at the breaker box) due to abnormal equipment readings. This may be necessary in order to eliminate all electrical interference. If this is a problem, please let us know before the investigation starts.

Each investigation requires different types of equipment – do not be surprised if our investigative team shows up with a significant amount of equipment.

If you have questions relating to this list or any other questions regarding the investigation, feel free to contact us.

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