



Ghost Vigil Rules

The following Rules ensure the smooth operation of Ghost Vigil Investigations.

1. Ghost Vigil members will make every effort to follow each of the current Investigation Standards as listed on the Ghost Vigil website. These Standards exist to protect our members safety and the credibility of the evidence the group gathers during investigations.
2. Ghost Vigil members will always obtain permission from the appropriate property owner or trustee to investigate a site before entering anyone's property. Always. Ghost Vigil members will never trespass. Period.
3. At all times during investigations, and anytime Ghost Vigil members are representing the group, members must maintain a professional attitude and demeanor. Our goal should be an attitude of reverence and respect.
4. Ghost Vigil members will be on time to investigations. Being late to an investigation is unexcusable, as it reflects on the group in the eyes of the property owner or trustee giving us permission to investigate at the site, or in the eyes of the client who has asked us for assistance at their home or business.
5. Ghost Vigil membership should not grow to more than 10 active investigators. Active investigators have priority over reserve investigators when choosing who will go on investigations with a limited number of spots available. Active investigator status is reserved for those Ghost Vigil members who are:
 - a. Actively seeking to participate in Ghost Vigil activities and investigations every month.
 - b. Participating constructively and actively on the Ghost Vigil message board on at least a weekly basis, if not more.
 - c. Proactively studying and seeking knowledge about the metaphysical, the unexplained, and paranormal phenomenon...as well as new and varied approaches to measuring, recording, and understanding reported paranormal activity.
6. If a Ghost Vigil member has not attended any Ghost Vigil activities or investigations for a period of three months, they will be placed on reserve status and a replacement will be sought for their active investigator position.
7. Ghost Vigil members will keep up-to-date on Ghost Vigil activities and investigations by frequently visiting the Ghost Vigil website and message board. It is not the responsibility of the

group to keep individual members up-to-date on when activities and investigations have been scheduled.

8. The Ghost Vigil website and its message board serve as the group's primary form of communication, planning, and decision-making. Non-participation on the message board can result in a dismissal of membership from Ghost Vigil Investigations, or a temporary revocation of "active" status. Constructive participation on the Ghost Vigil message board will play a large part in membership decision, such as whether to bring aboard a new reserve investigator or whether to move a reserve investigator to active status.
9. Ghost Vigil members must keep their e-mail and telephone number information up-to-date on the Ghost Vigil contact list on the private-side of the Ghost Vigil message board. They must also keep their e-mail information up-to-date on their Ghost Vigil website profile.
10. It goes completely without saying, but illegal possession of a weapon during an investigation is unsafe and prohibited. Use of alcohol or mind-altering drugs before or during an investigation is strictly prohibited.
11. Immediately following the investigation, it is important all members process all data collected and have it ready to present and discuss with other group members within a week's time. Investigators will provide an "investigator's summary" on the private-side of the Ghost Vigil message board, recording their anecdotal experiences, observations, as well as their thoughts, opinions, and conclusions regarding the investigation.
12. Respect other team members. If you have a problem with someone, please take it up with him or her and solve the problem **outside** of an investigation.
13. Any data and/or information (including but not limited to photos, videos, and audio) obtained on an official Ghost Vigil investigation are co-property of the individual investigator and Ghost Vigil Investigations. In the event of members leaving Ghost Vigil, all materials shall remain co-property. Any materials former members gathered while active members of Ghost Vigil may be used by Ghost Vigil as the group sees fit. If Ghost Vigil ceases to exist as an entity, all materials will remain the property of the individual investigators.
14. Ghost Vigil investigators, both active and reserve, are allowed and encouraged to acquire and own personal paranormal investigation equipment. They are also asked to contribute \$5 a month to a general fund that is used at the discretion of Co-Founder Mark Stinson to pay for website fees, group equipment, administrative costs, research materials, membership fees for national organizations, or any other cost generated by the operation of Ghost Vigil Investigations. This general fund and all group equipment, property, and benefits purchased with money from the group fund belong to Co-Founder Mark Stinson. In the event of group disbandment, all group equipment, property, and benefits purchased with money from the general fund will remain the property of Mark Stinson. In the event of group disbandment, all personal equipment will remain the property of the individual investigators.
15. Ghost Vigil's name, website, and investigation reports are owned and controlled by Co-Founder Mark Stinson. Important organizational decisions and membership issues will be resolved by the following method: Time allowing, input on such matters will be sought from all Ghost Vigil members, with a final decision being made by Mark Stinson. On everyday organizational matters, a consensus of the membership will be used to help decide such matters whenever possible.

- 16.** A serious violation of the Standards or Rules can result in a dismissal of membership from Ghost Vigil Investigations, or a temporary revocation of “active” status. A decision to dismiss or revoke active status is to be made by Co-Founder Mark Stinson after a thorough review of the situation. The following violations will result in immediate and permanent dismissal:
- a. Founding, forming, building, or joining a paranormal investigation group in the Kansas City area, or any group that has goals or purposes that put it in competition with Ghost Vigil Investigations in any way, or any group that threatens the best interests of Ghost Vigil Investigations.
 - b. Divulging privileged or confidential information regarding the location of an investigation outside of Ghost Vigil Investigations.
 - c. Knowingly falsifying any evidence or any attempt to undermine the credibility of the group in any way.
 - d. Holding materials gathered at an official Ghost Vigil investigation without bringing them to the group or providing them on the website.

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Ghost Vigil's Mission

Ghost Vigil provides a comprehensive approach to paranormal investigations. Using historical research, thorough witness interviews, the latest sensor and photographic technology, a diverse background of metaphysical knowledge, and investigative patience, our investigators seek to understand the nature of the reported paranormal activity, as well as the causes. Our mission is to gather evidence, whether that evidence points to a natural or paranormal cause, because our only purpose is to find the truth. Our services are always free-of-charge.

Our investigators take a professional approach, seeking first to exclude all natural causes for reported activity before making a paranormal determination. Prior to starting any investigation requested by a private party, we confer with the home or business owner, letting him/her know exactly what to expect during the investigation. We discuss the level of confidentiality that the home or business owner expects, and then we put those expectations in writing. We understand that our clients often have nowhere else to turn, and our primary mission, above all other goals, is to assist them.