

DANGERS OF GHOST HUNTING

Hello from **WCP** I hope this title doesn't scare you. I didn't think so.

There are real dangers to ghost hunting and 99.9% are of the corporeal kind...

1. **The clients**. In the paperwork that they fill out the clients may not tell you that they are on medication or have a history of mental illness. In all personal interviews there should be at least 2 team members there at all times. And all interviews will be recorded and the question of medication will be asked again for the safety of us as well as the investigation credibility. There have been instances with other groups where the client may have forgotten or lapsed in some kind of drug induced state and had no knowledge of a team investigating. TAPS team them self tell a story about a woman invited them into there home and they started to set up, when the producers came out of the house and told them they saw multiple guns in the home, and called the investigation off.

Scams by clients also pose a problem. I heard a story of a group out west in the 90s had to call the police to get their equipment back. After unloading the bags and boxes in the home the owner asked the team to step outside before they even set up and when the team walked out side the owner closed the door on them and told them to get off his property and said he will shoot them if they don't. It turned out to be a scam to steal the equipment from them then eventually sell the equipment. And of course we all saw the TAPS episode when some guy walking down the street just picked up a case and ran down the street. Yes they got the equipment back but if the cameraman didn't yell "hey" the guy might have gotten away with it.

Client may have an unhealthy living environment. Hoarders as the police call them, people that live in filth keeping everything inside the home. They live in a home with old trash, and everything else including pets just lying around everywhere even dead pets. In situations like this you should not put your team in such situations. Rats, and other vermin and bug may be living in that environment. We don't want to bring anything home with us so we won't investigate places like those.

And if we see a client is a hoarder or living in filth and you see children living in that environment you may want to get involved, not only to be good citizens but you could get in trouble with the law if it came out that you had knowledge of the situation and didn't report it.

2. SPEAKING OF BUGS AND VERMIN. When we do an investigation at a place that we assume is ok. Don't take any chances. Once you start setting up. All bags and containers should be close immediately after use and removed from the house after set up is done. You don't want to have any bugs or anything else coming home with you to infest our homes.

Many groups around the country have learned this lesson the hard way. Don't be one of them. Flees, roaches, termites, spiders, and even ticks and mice. Have been known to hitchhike back to investigators homes.

3. Crawl spaces, attics, basements, and stairs OH MY! No-brainer here

Crawl spaces and attics may have a whole host of objects ranging from nails, pieces of wood, plastic, broken toys and tools, and alike. If on your investigation you find a need to crawl into these areas be careful.

Attics and basements have been known to have lots of junk. Things stacked on top of each other and if there is a shelf I'm pretty sure that there is an object about to fall from one.

And for the stairs? Uses your flashlights when going up and down the stairs. Be careful to not trip and fall.

4. **Liability.** I know we all sign a waiver for property and injury. But I'm talking about personal liability and harassment. The client should always have at least two-team member with them during interviews and investigations. You don't want some whack job saying you touched them or spoke to them inappropriately. If this starts to happen just key up your walkie-talkie don't speak into it just key it up until a teammate can come to your location. If you don't have a walkie-talkie but have an audio recorder start taping and keep walking to base command.

Dilapidated buildings or buildings under renovation fall into this category too. Needless to say we will not go into a place that looks like its about to fall in around us. Condemned buildings or buildings that may be under construction are off limits unless the building that is under construction is deemed by the owner as safe but you may insist on hard hats to be supplied to your team.

5. **WEATHER.** Needless to say we will not ask anyone to conduct investigations in the case of a tornado warning or watch has been issued on our way to an investigation we will return to the nearest safe place and call the client to cancel. No outside investigations should take place in a thunderstorm. This also goes for floods or snowstorm, we don't want anyone trying to drive in those types of conditions. For investigations in sub zero temperatures, we must be inside a heated area for our base camp and investigations if we are asked to set up central command in an unheated garage or back porch, this is not save for the health of our teammates and we will insist on an heated area or we will come back when the weather is warm enough for us to do and investigation without the fear of frostbite.

6. **UV LIGHTS.** You may be using UV lighting on some of your investigations although it may take years in most cases. I just want to throw out reminders that UV lighting may cause skin cancer and may be linked to cataracts as well, with prolonged exposure to UV lighting.

NOW FOR THE NON-CORPOREAL DANGERS.

I'm going to paraphrase a bit from a conversation between Jason and Grant and Brad Steiger from Beyond Reality Radio.

We all heard Jason from Taps say "when in doubt get the hell out." This has real world as well as spirit world connotations.

You all know the official stance on what your team believes and we all have our own personal beliefs on top of that.

But by the chance that you may run into negative entities or even phantom entities (they are like social morphs that seem to take on the social mood of who ever is in the room. If you expect negative they will give you negative if you expect friendly they will give you friendly.)

Getting back to the quote. Some entities may assert a mood of fear, anger, or desperations and disperse, which could be transferred to you or your teammate.

Fear cages (and enclosed area with an extremely high EMF field all around) may do the same thing. It is important to break the chain or cycle of emotions before the situation escalates. Team members may start feel faint or start to argue and in some extreme cases come to blows over nothing at all.

The best way to break the cycle is to take 5 or 10 or how ever long it takes to shake it off. Brad Steiger calls this "Whistling through a grave yard." He tells us that we've all heard that term at on point or another, or seen it in an old movie or cartoon. But it does break the mood in most cases. Sing a hymn or recite a psalm. (This part is mine) You can even sing, "I'm bringing sexy back." (Although the phenomenon of Justin Timberlake does border on the supernatural.) Anything you can do until you can get out of the area that may be causing the mood swing is good.

We all want to be strong in body, mind, and spirit when investigating. The longer we do investigate the paranormal the better chance we have of being touched, scratched, and slapped. This is nothing to fear it's just the job. Brad, Jason and Grant all agree on this point.

To "walk in balance." As Jason and Brad call it, "Walk in balance" is what you need to, not be affected by outside energy. In Korea they call it Kei, in China its Chi, and in India its your Charka. Basically your inner energy like a high you get from running or sports it balances your physical and mental state. Or as some football, baseball, and basketball players call it, **BEING IN THE ZONE** alert physically and mentally.

If you are into sports or yoga or martial arts or very religious that is great if not and you want to find your ZONE you can go to many different website and if you have a book or website that you like, stick with it and please let me know so I can post it here for others to try, but the one that I found covers pretty much most of them rolling a lot of faith and spiritual theories into one united positive light is from what some paranormal investigators and researchers call

“The grandfather of modern day ghost hunting”, Brad Steiger who has been investigating and researching the paranormal for over 50 years, since 1958. Although for the most part, he has cut back on his investigations, his constant research and consulting with many groups around the country and the world are keeping him very active. Not to mention the man has written over 160 books and still going strong. The website is <http://bradandsherry.com/> look under the heading s-files for various prayers of protection or mental exercise to get in ***THE ZONE***.

Thanks for your time in reading this and safe hunting.

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