

## S.L.a.P.s Paranormal Investigation Protocol

### **Never:**

Never go on an investigation alone.

Never vandalize, trespass or take anything from a location.

Try not to whisper during EVP session (it will later be misidentified as an EVP).

DO not negatively provoke spirits/ghosts to respond to your questions or perform on demand.

Do not use a Ouija board or conduct a séance. Trying these things can only bring on much more problems than it's worth.

Do not smoke in the area where you are taking photos—cigarette/cigar smoke can appear as “ghostly mist” or “ectoplasm” in photographs.

Please do not wear perfume or heavy deodorants—remember, ghosts can manifest via olfactory as well as auditory & visual senses.

Don't Litter—In fact, if you see trash lying around, be respectful and throw it away properly.

Don't run—this is how people get hurt!

Do Not Take anything from the location—whether it's public or private property.

DO Not Drink alcohol or do drugs before or during an investigation.

### **Always:**

Always respect the spirits, your fellow investigators and the property you are investigating.

Always obey all laws & regulations!

Always ask permission to investigate on private property. (Being willing to sign a liability waiver may help secure permission.)

Let someone know where you will be.

Always have at least two people when investigating.

Keep cell phones off or in your vehicle and only check it when your away from property during a break.

Remember you are representing ALL paranormal investigators—don't give the field a bad name by being disrespectful, obnoxious or defiant.

Be as quiet as possible during EVP sessions—this includes NO walking, rustling around or whispering (if you need to talk, do so in a normal tone).

If using a tape recorder and/or film camera--bring extra tapes, film, etc. (Be prepared if an evidence-gathering opportunity presents itself.)

Take along water & snacks. (NO munching while EVP gathering attempts are in session!)

Take a flashlight—and a spare flashlight.

Dress comfortably and take a jacket or coat in case the temperature drops after dark. No wind breakers or loud rustling material you would be surprised what can sound like a EVP

Announce loudly “Flash!” before taking a photo (if it’s dark)—otherwise, you may temporarily blind your fellow investigators.

Make note of non-supernatural noises when attempting EVP. For instance, “Rick clearing his throat” or “Nate coughing”—these sounds can be misconstrued as EVP later on when you’ve forgotten these occurrences took place.

Do a walk-through before the investigation to orient the team with the layout of the building or area.