



Member Rules & Guidelines

A lot of things you will be learning on the field... however, we have tried to put together a guide of rules for ARPA members. Please read over them and follow them while out in the field. Most importantly, do not hesitate to ask any questions.

When entering a site that is known to be haunted, remember to start off as a complete skeptic. ARPA members should always attempt to disprove activity that can be man-made or of a natural cause. Always act professionally when on the field. It may be hard, but if you see something you cannot understand, do not scream and run away... investigate it! That's what we are there for!

- All members of ARPA will act in a professional manner at all times.
- All members of ARPA will respect that location we investigate and anything that we might find at an investigation.
- An ARPA member may end an investigation at any time if he/she feels the conditions are unsafe for the team. Additionally, any ARPA member can back out of an investigation if they are not feeling comfortable with the area, but they are to do this in a CALM fashion. Under no circumstance should members of ARPA be frantically running out of a location as you can cause yourself or other ARPA members to get hurt.
- All members of ARPA are responsible for getting to and from any investigation.
- There will be no one allowed to investigate with ARPA below the age of 18. And no one will be allowed to accompany a member of ARPA below the age of 18.
- A preliminary meeting, visitation or tour will be requested by ARPA prior to an official investigation. This provides us with an opportunity to determine where to set up equipment. Further, this provides our team with an opportunity to learn about any particular areas of interest that should be focused on during the investigation.
- All ARPA members are responsible for ensuring their clothes, shoes, and equipment is clean before entering a client site. We do not want to drag dirt into investigation areas.
- All members will carry a flashlight at all times.
- Any gear that is loaned to you must be returned in the same condition it was given. If you break it you buy it.
- Any personal equipment that is brought to an ARPA investigation will be turned into the team leader at the end of the investigation. The equipment will be returned to you once all evidence is taken or copied from the device. All evidence collected during an

investigation is the property of ARPA.

- ARPA will investigate in teams. Teams will generally consist of 2 people and they will stay together at all times.
- We only investigate a site to determine what is occurring at the site... and to collect evidence to prove or disprove the presence of paranormal activity. We do not attempt to eliminate spirits at a location (We are not Ghostbusters).
- ARPA reserves the right to refuse any investigation that may be seen as a hoax or that may present potential danger to ARPA staff.
- Privacy is first and foremost with ARPA. We will not broadcast personal information about any residence or its occupants. We will ask permission to use photos, video or audio footage on our website. Our goal is to protect the privacy of those who permit us to investigate their location.
- If something should happen and you feel uncomfortable with an area, you must as calm as possible let the head of your group know, and all will exit the area in an unhurried manner back to the preset meeting place. Never are you to run, as this can cause not only you but others to get hurt.
- **NO TRESPASSING.** No ARPA member is allowed to trespass on private property for the sake of paranormal research. ARPA respects all posted regulations, including outdoor areas.
- **NO SMOKING** within an ARPA Investigation. Smoking can cause false positives that can be misidentified as paranormal activities. If smoking is absolutely necessary, the investigator will have to travel far away from the investigation scene to smoke.
- **NO DRINKING** 24 hours prior to an investigation. Drinking alcohol can cause changes in personality and judgment. Save any drinking for after our work is done.
- Due to our use of sensitive recording devices we must limit access to the investigation locale. It is important to remember that audio and video recordings must be reviewed for potential evidence. If there is too much human activity in the area, the potential to find paranormal evidence is greatly reduced.
- We comply with all posted rules and regulations of the locations we visit, including (but not limited to) no photographs, no video, no cell phones. Additionally we respect the integrity of these locations and the requirements of the owners.
- ARPA welcomes media opportunities. We limit media exposure to our clients as their privacy is our utmost priority. However if a media organization wishes to work with us, we ask that they contact us and we will schedule an investigation with prior approval for media attention. We can ask if a reporter or media representative will be permitted on the premises.
- We do not allow guest investigators; only individuals that are known to the group, and have proven themselves to be professional are considered for any status with ARPA.

- Clients may ask ARPA member's questions at any time. All members of ARPA will respect the clients questions and answered them to the best of their knowledge.
- If any member of ARPA gets injured on an investigation, the investigation ends. And both the injured and head of the group will file a report on what happened.
- We will do our best to notify our members at least 3 weeks in advance on any investigation we would like them to join. ARPA members are required to let us know within 1 week whether they can make the investigation or not.
- We ask that all ARPA members dress appropriately for investigations. No open toed shoes or loose jewelry. No one will have anything on that could make a sound in our recordings. And in colder months always come as if there will be no heat where we are going to be.
- At no time will a member of ARPA ask for money from the owner/resident of the property we investigate.
- Failure to follow any of the rules will be grounds for removal from ARPA.