



Member's Manual

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Welcome to the Chicago Ghost Hunters Group! ☺

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Mission Statement

The Chicago Ghost Hunters Group (CGHG) is a paranormal investigation, interest, and research group that operates through Meetup.com but maintains an independent identity as a gathering place for all people wishing to share their curiosity, belief or skepticism, and learn more about paranormal phenomena. We strive to assist each other with better understanding the paranormal as well as the use of ghost hunting equipment and investigation techniques. We vow to support all people looking for answers or assistance in their individual quests to better know the world around them.

General Information

The Chicago Ghost Hunters Group (CGHG) meets on the 3rd Friday of every month at 7:00pm.

There is no fee to join the CGHG, but we ask that at each meeting you give a suggested donation of \$10, and that for investigations, you give a suggested donation of \$5 to drivers for driving expenses. These minimal costs are not expected at each and every meeting and will not affect your status within the group! However, they do help us to pay for the following, which all members are entitled to help plan for and participate in:

- Meetup fees of \$19.00 a month
- Renting meeting space at up to \$50.00 per meeting
- Keeping our website(s) running
- Preparing for fundraisers
- Funding extra equipment
- Supporting the other fun things we do, like attending or putting on events
- Miscellaneous expenses, such as copies

As described and in addition to the above mentioned benefits, member benefits are:

- Ability to attend all monthly meetings, applicable investigations, and events with the group or sponsored by the group. Members will be expected to pay for all extra transportation and fees most of the time.
- A member welcome packet including a copy of the Manual and an updated list of Officer Contact Information s with contact information.
- Access to the full range of expertise, research, and findings of the group.

Always feel free to contact the group leaders with any questions or concerns. Feel free to inquire about ways to become involved and give us your ideas for improvement. If you have connections, know of potential sites or clients, or have ways to help us raise money or spread the word, please come forward and let us know! ☺

Group Guidelines

All members who join the CGHG through Meetup.com are considered fully instated members. However, in order to fully enjoy the benefits of membership, remain in good standing, and be considered an Active Member or be an Investigator, members should make an effort to attend the monthly meetings and participate regularly.

Active Members are members in good standing who attend the monthly meetings regularly. Members may also be considered active and in good standing if they remain in contact with the group leaders and express adequate desire to be involved, as well as contribute via that communication, if they are unable to attend monthly meetings.

Members, regardless of status, will be entitled to attend any and all of the upcoming events discussed for the first time at the meeting they attend. For example, if the group discusses a previously planned investigation that is still upcoming, new members will be disqualified from participating in that particular investigation as they were not present for the preliminary discussion. In other words, unless approved by the group, those who have not attended the planning meeting prior to a hunt or event will not be permitted to participate in the hunt or event.

Group members will be removed from the group by Meetup after remaining dormant for one year.

Group members will also be removed from the group if they are found using drugs or alcohol during meetings or investigations, or doing anything reckless to intentionally or unintentionally harm others during an investigation. This means verbally or physically attacking someone, or acting in a manner that puts the group at risk of injury or arrest. Other grounds for removal will be up to the leaders' discretion.

Members of CGHG are allowed to maintain membership in other Ghost Hunting groups, especially if their experiences and knowledge are beneficial to our group, and if we can form a friendly partnership with other groups in the area. We do insist, however, that what we do and discuss at our meetings or out in the field during investigations remains confidential among the group unless otherwise stated. This includes our research, discussions, results, emotional breakdowns, or anything that happens on CGHG's time, unless otherwise noted.

There are four types of investigations we may find ourselves participating in: day hunts, night hunts, unauthorized night hunts (for which we do not have permission), and home investigations. All CGHG rules will apply to all types of investigations, and more specific rules may be made for certain situations, especially as we move forward with the home investigation aspect.

Members will assume personal responsibility for themselves and their own vehicles and equipment at all times.

Drivers will not be responsible if any member or guest is injured in or by their car on the way to or from an investigation or meeting.

CGHG does not assume responsibility for drivers, vehicles, members, guests, or equipment damaged, lost, stolen, or injured at any time before, during, or after investigations or meetings.

Please see Ghost Hunt/Investigation Procedures for more information on the planning of investigations and what is expected during the fun part—ghost hunting!

Ghost Hunt/Investigation Procedures

The following procedures apply to general ghost hunts or investigations in already known/alleged haunted locations.

Investigation Planning

Our ultimate goal with regular ghost hunts and investigations is to have a good time. Regardless, there are rules. When we go out for all investigations, especially unauthorized night hunts, all members will have previously acknowledged their individual liability and consent to the risks of such an investigation by signing the form and waiver at the end of this Manual. Members may also be subject to sign other waivers at the time of the investigation.

The risks involved with ghost hunting will always be discussed prior to all investigations and may include: wildlife, weather, collapsing buildings or floors, other investigators or people encountered at the site, decreased vision in the dark, wells, ponds, law enforcement, and, of course, ghosts.

A buddy system may be established before each investigation, in case members become separated. This system will be beneficial in all investigations, even with home investigations, as it will serve as a way for us to monitor and support each other by always having a partner.

Group leaders, who will make decisions and communicate during transport and the investigation, may also be nominated if we are traveling in multiple vehicles or investigating a large site.

The group will always establish a central meeting place before heading to the investigation and a meeting place upon arriving. The group will establish who will be driving and where they will park. Everyone will be made aware of the parking locations either beforehand or at the time of the investigation (if it's necessary for drivers to drop off people and then park elsewhere).

The investigation site and an alternative site will be discussed in detail at the CGHG meeting beforehand, including a general time frame for the investigation. Research will be presented by the Historian before the investigation takes place that may include history, folklore, ghost stories, a map, and directions.

An emergency plan, including meeting point in case of split and an escape plan, will be discussed and agreed upon by all members.

Members participating in night hunts will be prepared to stay out very late and should arrange their schedules so as not to have any plans for early the next morning. Extra money should be brought along in case we have to stay overnight somewhere and

members should coordinate their own transportation beforehand if they need to be home by a certain time.

Investigation

All CGHG members will still be responsible for maintaining a basic level of professionalism, comparable to the level of conduct we maintain in the workplace, during meetings, events, and ALL ghost hunting investigations. This will be especially important during home/business investigations, and during unauthorized night hunts—which are an acknowledged form of entertainment for group members as well as a time to learn together and practice our ghost hunting skills.

All members are expected to wear appropriate clothing to investigations and represent the group professionally at other public appearances. Wear dark attire at night hunts and maintain reasonable dress at other times. T-shirts, sweatshirts, and jeans are practical, as long as they are clean and the individual presents him or herself well. NO WHITE or light-colored shirts, please ☺ No perfume or cologne, as this may be mistaken for paranormal activity. Proper shoes should also be worn and members should prepare for all types of weather and terrain.

As stated above, we will always have a backup site when going on unauthorized night hunts to ensure our safety and to ensure that we have fun and go home happy! If we arrive at a destination site and find evidence of police monitoring, we will automatically give up that site and head to the alternate one. (Under special circumstances, the group may decide later, as a team, to go back.)

Upon arrival at the site, the group will begin by doing a walk-through of the site together and inspecting its perimeters. From there, the group will decide how to best proceed—in pairs, in small groups, or together—and what their goals will be. A time frame will be established. If necessary, different people will be responsible for different roles or equipment. For example, one person might be the interviewer in the home investigation, or in charge of tape recording, or responsible for digital photography, or special equipment like an infrared (IR) camera, etc. These roles can change so that everyone has the opportunity to participate.

Any time someone is uncomfortable with doing something, they can stay behind with the company of their buddy or a group leader. In some cases, they may still be able to assist with the investigation from their vantage point.

No smoking during investigations.

No drinking or using drugs other than prescribed medications during investigations. Do not show up drunk or on drugs at investigations. Do not carry any paraphernalia or weapons with you that could put the group at risk of injury or arrest at any time before, during, or after an investigation. Legal pepper mace and pocket knives are exceptions.

Members will act respectfully toward other members of the group, acknowledging each others gifts, quirks, goals, and personal limitations.

The team should have their cell phones on vibrate and be ready to call or text each other, as well as use walkie-talkies to communicate if needed. Members will acknowledge all calls and text messages by answering, calling or texting back. Members must communicate clearly and deliberately in their text messages!

DO NOT RUN—from anyone or anything!!! This can potentially mean getting hurt physically or spiritually. **DO NOT EVER LEAVE SOMEONE ALONE.** Call for help if you need assistance. If you feel like you may panic or have to leave right away, notify someone immediately.

“RED” is the safe word. In emergencies, team members are encouraged to shout out that word followed by their location. If this happens, all team members are to stop and listen immediately and then go to that person. Whatever you think constitutes an emergency IS an emergency.

LAW ENFORCEMENT POLICY: If any or all of our members are caught or questioned by law enforcement, they will be cooperative, polite, and answer all questions truthfully and to the best of their knowledge. This is a great opportunity to use our people skills. In 99% of cases the police will send us on our way with a warning (and some jokes probably). Then the members will leave the site immediately. In worst case scenarios, any separated members will stay in a safe location, notifying others immediately of where they are.

After Investigation

The group can also hold an optional non-denominational prayer after the investigation is over if they feel it is necessary.

The Administrator will keep a detailed log of the general events for the evening, including place, time, weather, number of people, any significant paranormal activity noted at the time, and other applicable details.

Team members have ONE week to review evidence and compile their own detailed report of what they found as well as their personal diagnosis of the haunting. Members should remember to only report the strongest and most relevant activity, as well as what they could debunk. In most cases, orb photos will not be factored into the official final report. Be as objective, thorough and concise as possible.

The Administrator will then compile all evidence into a final report. All investigations will be assigned a case number starting with CGHG-####. The information can be presented, put on the website, and distributed for people’s records. The Administrator will keep all official records.

Home/Business Investigation Procedures

These procedures are listed in addition to all information in the Ghost Hunt/Investigation Procedures section of the manual. All general rules from both sections apply to home investigations, and vice versa. All Investigators and members involved are asked to keep information shared about the cases and clients confidential unless otherwise stated. All home investigations will be assigned a case number starting with CGHG-HI[or]BI-###.

Client Interview

When a potential client calls us for a home or business investigation, the first thing we do is determine whether they sound sincere and if the situation seems to be something we should take seriously and follow up on.

We will set up an interview with the client in a public place, possibly in conjunction with a monthly or officer meeting, where two people will interview the client, gathering as much preliminary information as possible about the history of the location, the nature of the haunting, the client's experiences, the client's concerns, and any other relevant background. We will also have to use our best detective skills to make a determination about other physical or psychological factors that may be involved. The Administrator will also have a detailed question form that he or she will fill out as the client talks, in addition to any general notes taken.

From there the team will determine a team size for the investigation and secure their investigators. They will arrange a date and time for the home inspection as well as the investigation. These dates should be close together and the investigation itself should take place at night or around the time when the most activity reportedly occurs.

The team may decide to terminate services at any time if they start to feel a situation is uncomfortable or they see any red flags that indicate they no longer wish to continue with a client. This stands true throughout the entire process.

Home Inspection

At least two people must be present for the inspection, and all safety factors must be considered with regard to the client and the location. A list of risk factors may be compiled. No more than three people should go to the home inspection. People in and outside of the group should be alerted about the inspection location and hours for safety purposes. NEVER go to the client's home or business alone.

The designated team members will then interview the client again in their home or business while taking a tour and marking X's with masking tape or some other kind of marker in specific areas of activity. They will map out an hourly rotation plan for the team and decide which team members will work best together. Teams should be broken down into pairs and one or two people may volunteer to work alone, or investigators could rotate working alone.

The client will then sign a number of waivers, which can be found at the end of this Manual. The client will be briefed on the plan and procedures.

The investigators present should not divulge information with the client or each other if they have experiences in the location during the inspection.

The client is encouraged to remain in the home or location, but no guests will be allowed and if the client has a large family, they will need to respectfully be asked to leave or remain in one area throughout the investigation. If the client is a single person, he or she may elect to join the team, but this is not preferred and is at the team's discretion.

Investigation

The team will meet prior to the investigation for a debriefing on the location, activity, possible safety risks and hazards, and other things that team members not present at the inspection need to know. Members should not, however, divulge personal experiences that may have occurred at the inspection.

The plan will be laid out for the rotation schedule, and any specific duties with regard to certain locations or equipment will be doled out. Team members are free to use whatever equipment they have. It would be ideal to keep a recorder running consistently and stationary in some places, and for the team to have the highest variety of equipment possible. Again, this may vary.

The team will travel to the location together and do a quick walk through with the client again, hitting the hot spots and explaining the X's.

The lights will then go out and the team will proceed with investigating. Each pair or individual should set about trying to test or debunk the client's claims while snapping photos and trying to get EVPs.

Investigators should keep in mind the locations of all other investigators to minimize noise and other types of possible evidence contamination.

The team should have their cell phones on vibrate and be ready to call or text each other, as well as use walkie-talkies to communicate if needed. As always, "RED" is the safe word and in emergencies team members are encouraged to shout out that word followed by their location. If this happens, all team members are to stop and listen immediately and then go to that person.

The team may terminate an investigation early if they feel the house is not haunted, or if evidence gathered is sufficient, or if other factors inhibit the team's abilities to continue.

The team is encouraged to communicate with each other the least as possible during the investigation and not divulge activity they experience. Pairs should also keep idle chat to a minimum and focus on the investigation.

Team members should be mindful of following consistent methods as discussed before the investigation and/or in this handbook. No one should be conducting any kind of side business or doing a cleansing, reading, séance, or other ritual. Our services are not designed to be spiritual or religious in nature, but scientific—though we may make recommendations after evidence is collected for such services. It is a very bad idea to have an investigation and some kind of ritual at the same time. This might make us seem unprofessional and may negatively impact or “confuse” the spirit activity.

After Investigation

The team will gather for a short meeting with the client. No details should be discussed about activity experienced. The team will do a last walk through to make sure they have not left anything behind.

The team members then have ONE WEEK to review evidence and compile their own detailed report of what they found, as well as their personal diagnosis of the haunting and a recommendation for further action. Members should remember to report only the strongest and most relevant activity, as well as what they had debunked. In most cases, orb photos will not be factored into the official final report. Be as objective, thorough and concise as possible.

The team will then meet and review their evidence, as well as draw a final conclusion. This will be included in the final report, which can be presented to the client as well as posted online or made available to future potential clients looking to see what we do. (This depends on whether or not the client releases us to make this information public, of course.) The report should include all data, personal experiences, activity debunked, evidence found, a diagnosis, and recommendation.

Follow-up Meeting and Continuing Services

A follow-up meeting will be scheduled with the client, possibly at the haunted location. The report will be given. The team must be careful to note the client’s emotions regarding the haunting and, while being honest, must tread lightly when revealing the nature of the haunting to them. Once again, it is best to be as objective as possible.

Based upon that, the team may recommend what to do next. This might include a further investigation, contacting another party for a spiritual need or purpose, rearranging or changing something about the living space or other factors in the location, altering the client/spirit “relationship,” or simply doing nothing.

The client will be encouraged to contact the team with an update or stay in touch by email, preferably, over the next several months. The team may conduct up to TWO more

investigations if needed and continue to consult or make recommendations to the client. The group should not encourage needy clients to attach or become dependent upon the group. The group may use its discretion in these cases.

The client may be asked to submit a letter of recommendation for use by the group on the website, for future clients, and for other purposes.

Ghost Hunting Tips

For an excellent summary and complete list of tips on how to conduct an investigation, visit <http://www.ghosthunting101.com/>. More tips and tools of the trade will be explained and discussed by the group out in the field. Don't worry if you have no experience ☺

Never go ghost hunting alone. Three to seven people is an optimal number for a thorough and safe investigation.

Always let someone know where you will be before you leave.

Reschedule your ghost hunt due to inclement weather or note and be aware of possible influences on your results due to snow, rain, or fog. Also check the pollen count. Moisture and pollen can cause anomalies in photos.

Don't smoke near where you will be investigating. Make a designated spot for smoking. You don't want to photograph smoke and think it is a spirit.

Ghost hunting does not require any special equipment besides regular cameras and tape recorders, but having a variety of types of cameras (digital, 35mm, point and shoot) or recorders (digital, analog), as well as infrared (IR) cameras or electromagnetic field (EMF) detectors will enhance the investigation.

An EVP (Electronic Voice Phenomena) is a voice or sound that appears on a recording but was not heard at the time of the recording by human ears. When recording EVPs, feel free to ask general questions on the recording but give plenty of time for answers! Try not to have too many people talking at once. Some people also prefer to leave a tape recorder somewhere quiet and just let it run.

When trying to record EVPs, never whisper. Talk in a normal voice. You won't scare the ghosts if you talk. And you don't want to mistake a human whisper for a spirit.

Tie back long hair. When a piece of hair gets in front of the camera lens it will look like a vortex, which is a strip of light energy that sometimes appears in photos or on cameras and is associate with paranormal activity..

Remove camera straps or be aware where they are when taking a photo. Many times straps get in the picture and can be mistaken for a vortex, moving orb, or ghost.

Look for things in the way like spider webs, wire, ropes, and tree limbs. They can appear on photos as something paranormal when they are in close range of the camera lens.

Always clean camera lenses. Lint, dust specks, smudges and fingerprints can look like orbs and other ghostly anomalies.

Be aware of the temperature when photographing outdoors or in an unheated building.

Hold your breath while taking a photo and for several seconds afterward. Remember, if you can see it so can the camera.

Always know where your fingers are when taking photos. A thumb or finger can appear to be a ghost when caught in front of the lens.

Research the location. If you are going ghost hunting after dark, you should check it out during daylight hours. Make note of any dangers such as holes, broken glass, loose boards etc.

Be objective of your findings. Rule out any natural causes that may have caused anomalies.

This list has been compiled with the help of:

<http://www.ohioghosthunter.com/ghosthuntingtipsandrules.html>

Very Important: As eluded to in the above tips, when ghost hunting indoors or outdoors, always try your best to maintain a controlled environment—that is, to rule out any extraneous noises, elements, or habits that might be mistaken for paranormal activity or could potentially invalidate your evidence later. For instance, if you hear strange noises on your recorder after an EVP session that you can't define, and your session was conducted in the woods at night, it will be very difficult to prove those noises don't have a natural cause no matter how well you remember not hearing them at the time. This is just a fact of investigating. Good record keeping and attention to detail will help balance this out.

A note on orbs: Orbs are the big make-or-break controversy in the paranormal world and people get into a lot of arguments over the nature of orbs. Most orbs, which are little balls of energy or light that appear in pictures or on camera, are dust particles, bugs, or other explainable phenomena. In order to be taken seriously by other paranormal investigators, orb evidence will generally not be counted into the official evidence, as it is considered the "hearsay" of the paranormal world. It may be legitimate or not, but in a trial it won't stand up in court! That being said, if you capture an interesting orb that you feel is connected to paranormal activity you experienced, do not let these words diminish that experience and feel free to tell us about it. However, please do not submit as official evidence.

Equipment Checklist

- Contact information of everyone going on investigation
- Information packet on site and alternative site
- Group leaders
- Buddy
- Information on meeting places and parking
- Emergency plan—meeting place in case of separation, escape route
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- Identification
- Clothing suited for the weather and comfortable shoes
- Money
- Camera—fully charged
- Tape recorder—full batteries and fresh tapes
- Batteries for camera and recorder
- Pad of paper and/or Investigation Log
- Pen
- Watch
- Cell phone—fully charged
- Walkie-talkies—fully charged or with fresh batteries
- Flashlight—with fresh batteries
- Water
- Contact information of all members in group
- Background information on site
- Optional: EMF detector, IR camera, Laptop, etc.

CGHG Officer Duties

Responsibilities can be changed depending on the dynamics of the group and its leaders. A group member may have more than one leadership position at a time. Officers have their own meeting once a month. All regular Active Members participating in investigations will retain the title of **Investigator**.

Officers are voted upon once every two years, with the exception of the Founder and Director. Under special circumstances, members may be selected to fill vacant positions if agreed upon by the Founder. In the same way, leaders may be removed from their positions if they are not fulfilling their duties, violating the rules of the CGHG, or for other reasons decided upon by the Founder, officers, and/or group.

Otherwise, the group and group officers can decide how to run the elections. All group officers can lead investigations or events and take on equal leadership roles.

Founder and Director: Oversees group. Acts as chief decision maker, leader in investigations, and mediator in group disputes or investigations. Acts as principle event planner and coordinator. Maintains Meetup and group websites.

Assistant Director: Acts as secondary leader in investigations, and mediator on group disputes or investigations. Acts as secondary event planner and coordinator. Responsible for maintenance of Member's Manual. Also maintains Meetup and group websites.

Administrator: Maintains group records such as Member's Manual, group membership and contact information. Maintains and presents minutes, acts as principle evidence recorder in investigations, and keeps original/official records of investigations. Maintains waivers and release forms turned in by members.

Financial Coordinator: Maintains group's money and financial records. Designs budget and plans all financial aspects of investigations and events, working closely with Assistant Director and Administrator.

Historian: Responsible for research on sites, making it available to members. May coordinate with Administrator on appropriate format. Responsible for specific knowledge required of investigation, such as history, ghost lore, folklore, location, map, directions, potential hazards. Will be on hand at investigations to share this knowledge.

Technical Coordinator(s): Very important for home investigations. In charge of equipment, including setup and breakdown. Will oversee members who are operating different types of equipment in all investigations.

Group Budget

The CGHG is a non-profit group. All of our proceeds will be used to directly fund our activities, investigations, and events, to the benefit of the CGHG and all members. We will accept but not ask for donations from home investigations.

We do ask for a suggested donation per meeting of \$10. All money collected by the CGHG will be deposited into an account or kept in a safe location and accounted for in writing at all times by the Financial Coordinator.

If each member gives a donation of \$10 at meetings, it will cover basic costs for the rental of meeting space and also help to fund the Meetup website, our group's individual website, fundraisers (such as parties and t-shirts), copies and stationery, equipment, marketing efforts (such as business cards or brochures), and special events.

Each member should be able to give a suggested donation of \$5 at the time of investigations in order to cover costs for drivers.

The group may hold two fundraisers per year, one around Halloween and one in the spring or early summer. Details and ideas for the fundraisers are up to the group and its leadership to decide.

Special guests will be paid for their presentations to the group. As a general rule, an individual author or speaker will be paid \$50 for speaking and no admission will be charged to members. For larger groups and celebrities, the admission charge can be set up to \$15 per person (with possible discount to members), with 1/3 of profits going to the guest speakers.

A year-end financial report and official budget will be available from the Financial Coordinator at all times.

CGHG New Member Consent Form

I, _____, hereby acknowledge that I have read and understood all of the information in the Chicago Ghost Hunters Group Manual and will adhere to all rules and regulations to the best of my ability at all times.

Signature: _____

Date: _____



RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY AGREEMENT

I, _____ (“Participant”), acknowledge that I have voluntarily agreed to participate in the following activities with the Chicago Ghost Hunters Group:

_____ Any and All Ghost Hunts and Ghost Investigations
(Hereafter referred to as “Activity” or “Activities”)

I AM AWARE THAT THESE ACTIVITIES MAY BE HAZARDOUS AND THAT I COULD BE SERIOUSLY INJURED. I AM VOLUNTARILY PARTICIPATING IN THESE ACTIVITIES WITH KNOWLEDGE OF THE DANGER(S) INVOLVED, AND AGREE TO ASSUME ANY AND ALL RISKS OF BODILY HARM, EMOTIONAL/PSYCHOLOGICAL HARM, SPIRITUAL HARM, DEATH AND/OR PROPERTY DAMAGE, WHETHER THOSE RISKS ARE KNOWN OR UNKNOWN.

I verify this statement by placing my initials here: _____

As consideration for being permitted by the Chicago Ghost Hunters Group to participate in these activities, I **forever** release the Chicago Ghost Hunters Group and each member of the Chicago Ghost Hunters Group (collectively “Releasees”) from any and all actions, claims, or demands that I, my assignees, heirs, distributees, guardians, next of kin, spouse and legal representatives now have, or may have in the future, for injury, death, or property damage related to: (i) my participation in these activities; (ii) the negligence or other acts, whether directly connected to these activities or not, and however caused, by any Releasee; or (iii) the condition of the premises where these activities occur, whether or not I am then participating in the activity. I also agree that I, my assignees, heirs, distributes, guardians, next of kin, spouse and legal representatives will not make a claim against, sue, or attach the property of any Releasee in connection with any of the matters covered by the foregoing release.

I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THIS AGREEMENT AND FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS CONTENTS. I AM AWARE THAT THIS IS A RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND A CONTRACT BETWEEN MYSELF AND THE CHICAGO GHOST HUNTERS GROUP, AND SIGN IT OF MY OWN FREE WILL.

PARTICIPANT/RELEASOR

DATE

WITNESS

DATE



Investigation Consent and Liability Waiver

I, _____, have the authority to permit the Chicago Ghost Hunters Group and affiliated members to conduct an investigation at _____ located in _____.

Permission is being granted to the Chicago Ghost Hunters Group to research the history of the location, investigate occurrences that may be deemed paranormal and/or conduct field research. All components and procedures of the investigative process have been explained to the owner(s)/trustee(s) of the property. The Chicago Ghost Hunters Group releases the owner(s)/trustee(s) of the property from any liability for injuries and/or damages incurred during the investigation. In addition, the investigators present assume responsibility for any damages to the property that occurs during the investigation. The investigating team of the Chicago Ghost Hunters Group also assumes responsibility for proper release of information from the property owner(s)/trustee(s). No information related to the investigation will be released without explicit consent from the owner(s)/trustee(s) via signed released forms.

Property Owner(s)/Trustee(s)

Date

Chicago Ghost Hunter Group Representative

Date

Witness

Date



Release of Information/Confidentiality Waiver

The Chicago Ghost Hunters Group respects your right to privacy. All of your personal information will be kept confidential. The use of this form, however, grants the investigators of the Chicago Ghost Hunters Group the right to use the evidence collected (whether it be partial or full release) to be published on our website, newsletter, and other future communications and/or media venues. Please check the level of confidentiality you request:

- _____ The Chicago Ghost Hunters Group may not release any part of the investigation to the public.

- _____ The Chicago Ghost Hunters Group may release information and evidence providing that the identity of all interviewees, witnesses, and/or clients are changed and the exact address of the location is excluded.

- _____ The Chicago Ghost Hunters Group may release any/all information and evidence collected during the investigation.

Additional comments/requests: _____.

Property Owner(s)/Trustee(s) _____
Date

Chicago Ghost Hunters Group Representative _____
Date

Witness _____
Date