



How to Record EVP's

For many the best evidence of life after death is the EVP (electronic voice phenomenon). EVP is defined as a sound or voice that is recorded on audio or video recording devices. While not heard at the time of recording EVP's are only heard later at playback. We use three basic classifications for EVP's that help us to develop interpretations.

- **Class A:** Easily understood by almost anyone with little or no dispute. These are also usually the loudest EVPs.
- **Class B:** Usually characterized by warping of the voice in certain syllables. Lower in volume or more distant sounding than Class A. Class B is the most common type of EVP.
- **Class C:** Characterized by excessive warping. They are the lowest in volume (often whispering) and are the hardest to understand.

The protocols below are basic and will help you to establish contact with spirits.



EVP Protocols

The following rules should be followed to ensure the validity and accuracy of any anomalies discovered during playback.

- Use new name-brand audio tapes.
- Open and load all tapes in front witnesses.
- An external microphone is required for analog recording devices. An external microphone is not required for digital recorders but the use of one will greatly aid in recording.
- Pop tabs on all cassettes after recording to eliminate the chance of accidental over-recording.
- Only record on one side of the tape to prevent bleed-through and never over-record on tapes.

- Obtain a sample voice print of team members and clients at the beginning of recording.
- Record the date, time and location on the cassette label, as well as verbalize it at the beginning of recording.
- No distorting your voice during recording. This includes whispering which may be confused for EVP during playback.
- No whistling, deliberate rustling of papers or clothing or creating any noises that might be confused for EVP during playback. Clearly and vocally identify any accidental noises to eliminate them as possible EVP during playback.
- EVP's will often be recorded during normal team conversation, so no shouting, abusive language, or inflammatory topics are allowed. Keep side conversations to a minimum.
- Vocalize to identify any background noises, including the conversations of other team members.
- For Analog recorders, make a copy of each cassette and store the original in a safe climate controlled place. Copies may be used for repeated playback.
- For digital recorders, transfer your recordings to your computer. This will allow you to make copies as needed or to isolate certain portions.
- Ask permission of the spirits to record their voices and encourage them to speak into the microphone.
- Each time you move to a new location, verbalize the time, change of location and the names of persons present in the location.
- For EVP recordings, allow a quiet time of 15-20 seconds between each question to allow the spirit to answer. Record for 4 to 5 minutes before playback. Playback is essential for spirit interaction.

Analog Recording Device

- 1) Always use fresh new tapes.
- 2) Only use name brand tapes.
- 3) Only record on one side of the tape.
- 4) Always use an external microphone.
- 5) Always pull tabs on tapes following recording.
- 6) Label tape with location, date and time.
- 7) Store original tape in a safe place and make a copy for playback.

Digital Recording Device

- 1) Always use an external microphone.
- 2) Use computer compatible recording device.
- 3) Use free audio recording software such as Audacity to isolate portions of the recording.
- 4) Store original recording in a safe place and make a copy for playback.

Samples of EVP Questions

The best questions are normally those that can be verified or can be answered simply. Each question should be asked two or three times. (Allow at least 20-30 seconds between your questions for answers)

**Introduce yourself and whoever is assisting you. Ask for permission and ask spirits to help you.

- Is there anyone here?
- Would you like to talk to us?
- What is your name?
- What is your gender?
- How are you feeling?
- What year it is?
- Are you here all the time?
- Is there anyone else with you?
- What are their names?
- Are there children here?
- What is my name?
- What is today's date?
- Are you a spirit?
- Are you resting here?
- Are you happy?
- Is there anything you want to say?

You can also ask personal questions to get additional responses.

- What are your children's names?
- What is your favorite color?
- What did you do for a living?
- How old is your wife?
- What kind of car did you drive?
- When is your birthday?
- What day is your anniversary?
- What color is your daughter's hair?