

Ghost of Business Past

Does the network server go on the fritz for no apparent reason? Do you put down a file, only to find it missing five minutes later? Does a chill run down your spine every time you set foot in the accounting department?

A couple of Alberta-based ghost-hunting outfits believe that if your business experiences a lot of this type of activity, it could be home to a paranormal presence. October

being the month of spooks, *Alberta Venture* tracked down two groups more than willing to investigate bizarre occurrences.

"Whatever is out there, it is trying to contact you," says Ben Myckan of Edmonton's Paranormal Explorers. "It could be someone who doesn't know they're dead and is returning to a place they're familiar with or, if it's someone who died suddenly, they might have

some unfinished business to resolve."

Armed with electro-magnetic field meters, digital thermometers, an array of recording devices and a general psychic sensitivity to such matters, the Paranormal Explorers and Calgary's Association of Paranormal Investigators (CAPI) will take readings and offer a hint as to who, or what, might have strayed out of the underworld and into your boardroom.

Older office buildings tend to be the most inhabited, as do places with a long history of human traffic, like bars and restaurants, says Myckan. A death isn't necessary, but you might encounter something he calls "residual energy" – the stain that people leave when they pass through a space.

Both the Paranormal Explorers and CAPI will discreetly conduct their investigations after business hours, and there's no charge for their services.



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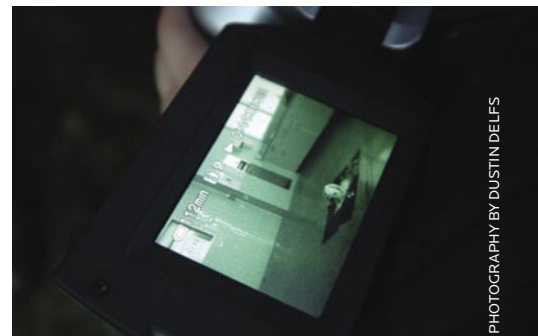
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