

## Tips for using a Flashlight

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The use of a flashlight is important for all paranormal investigations. The reasons for this are many, but the primary reason is safety. As important as the flashlight is to investigating there are some key factors you should consider:

- 1) Have one at all times. A flashlight is one of the key tools you need on you at all times.
- 2) Keep an extra. It is important to either have a spare flashlight and / or replacement batteries for your primary in case you need it.
- 3) Keep the usage to a minimum. Your eyes will adjust to the dark and you'll be able to observe more activity with the naked eye.
- 4) Using a red filter or lens. There are several flashlights now that come with a red filter or lens or you can make one fairly easily by putting red tail light tape over the clear lens. The use of the red lens will cut down on the interference with evidence collection, as well as eye adjustment.
- 5) Deciding what size. The size of the flashlight is not nearly as important as the light output, batteries used, and power management. You want to try and find the smallest possible flashlight (since you have to carry it around) that has the best light output and use of battery power. Also the type of battery it uses will be key so that you don't have to carry several types around with you.