

What to do if you see a UFO

The more of the following steps you can take, the more scientifically valuable your report will be:

1. First, try and get another witness—as many other witnesses as possible.
2. If you have a camera handy, take as many pictures as possible. Don't worry about getting a "perfect" picture. Get as much background or foreground detail into the photo as possible.
3. Immediately after your sighting, make complete notes of everything you saw, all the details you can remember. Write down the appearance, color, motion and size of the UFO, as well as what you were thinking and feeling when you had the experience. Write down the names and addresses of other witnesses.
4. If the UFO touched the ground, do what you can to protect the area—but don't disturb the area. Take photographs of the area to document it.

Most importantly, report your UFO sighting

Call the Center for UFO Studies any day of the week, any time of the day or night, directly at (312) 271-3611. An investigator will contact you as soon as possible.

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About the Center

The CUFOS Mission: To promote serious research into the UFO phenomenon.

CUFOS is an international group of scientists, academics, investigators and volunteers dedicated to the continuing examination and analysis of the UFO phenomenon. The purpose of CUFOS is to be a clearinghouse for the two-way exchange of information—where UFO experiences can be reported, and where UFO experiences can be researched.

Anyone, in either a private or an official capacity, can report a UFO sighting to CUFOS without fear or ridicule or unwanted publicity and with the assurance that qualified personnel will conduct serious investigation into the report.

CUFOS maintains one of the world's largest repositories of data about the UFO phenomenon. The material is available for study, research or examination by any qualified individual or organization. CUFOS currently has:

-- more than 50,000 cases of UFO sightings and experiences on file, mostly original case reports and/or investigations.

-- a library of more than 5,000 books and magazines on all aspects of the UFO phenomenon.

CUFOS Activities: The scientific collection, evaluation and dissemination of information about the UFO phenomenon.

CUFOS has an international network of field investigators to interview witnesses of sightings, examine physical evidence, and gather any other information relevant to a case.

CUFOS promotes a general public understanding of the UFO phenomenon through various activities and projects. The *International UFO Reporter (IUR)*, published bimonthly by CUFOS, reports on current sightings and news and includes articles on current UFO topics.

CUFOS also publishes the *Journal of UFO Studies*, which presents scholarly papers on the UFO phenomenon. Various journals, books and other publications on UFO-related subjects are available for purchase from CUFOS. Associates of CUFOS are available for speaking engagements. Most recently, members of the CUFOS board of directors have given presentations at NASA's Goddard Space Center, the Adler Planetarium in Chicago, and the annual meeting of the Popular Culture Association.

New activities are continually being planned and developed. CUFOS projects for the near future include: creation of a videotape library of case investigations; coordination of a long-term research project on UFO abduction reports; Freedom of Information Act requests on military cases in the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP) files; and additional investigations into other government and military UFO documents.

The CUFOS Legacy: To continue the scientific tradition of our founder, Dr. J. Allen Hynek.

CUFOS was founded in 1973 by Dr. J. Allen Hynek, considered by his colleagues to be the pre-eminent authority on UFO phenomena. Dr. Hynek became involved with UFOs as Scientific Consultant to the U.S. Air Force from 1948 to 1968. He was the first speaker to present testimony at the 1968 hearing on UFOs held by the House Committee on Science and Astronautics and later appeared before the United Nations to support the proposed establishment of an agency to conduct and coordinate research into UFOs and related phenomena. In the early 1970s, Dr. Hynek coined the phrase "close encounters of the third kind," and acted as technical adviser to director Steven Spielberg on the movie of the same name. Dr. Hynek was scientific director of CUFOS until his death in 1986.

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