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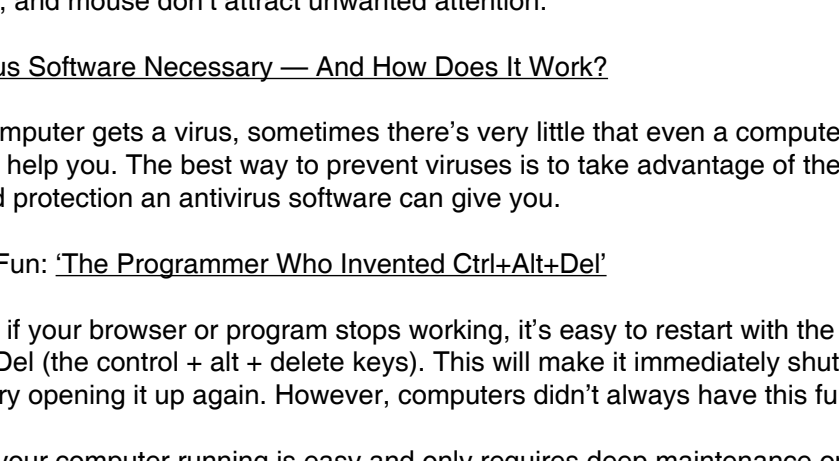
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At Fleschner, Stark, Tanoos & Newlin, we offer the convenience of a local lawyer with the experience, resources, and reputation of a large national law firm. For more than 40 years, we've helped people just like you get through some of the toughest times of their lives.

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Make Your Computer Brand New Again



The worst time for a computer breakdown is during the holiday season. That's why it's important to remember that your computer, much like your car, can't run forever without maintenance. If you do maintain your computer well, it can run for a long time. Here's how you can keep your computer running smoothly, inside, and out.

[How To Maintain And Extend The Life Of Your Computer](#)

It's harmful to leave your computer on 24/7. At the same time, if you use your computer every day, you don't want to shut down your computer after every single use. Try shutting it down every other day. The goal is to limit the number of times your computer heats up and cools down, which ultimately reduces its lifespan. This article includes other tips for keeping your computer in tiptop shape!

[How To Clean Your Computer](#)

To keep your computer running well on a technical level, it also needs to be clean. You don't see futuristic spaceships working their finest with dust bunnies and insects infesting their engine rooms! By regularly cleaning your machine, you'll make sure your computer, keyboard, and mouse don't attract unwanted attention.

[Is Antivirus Software Necessary — And How Does It Work?](#)

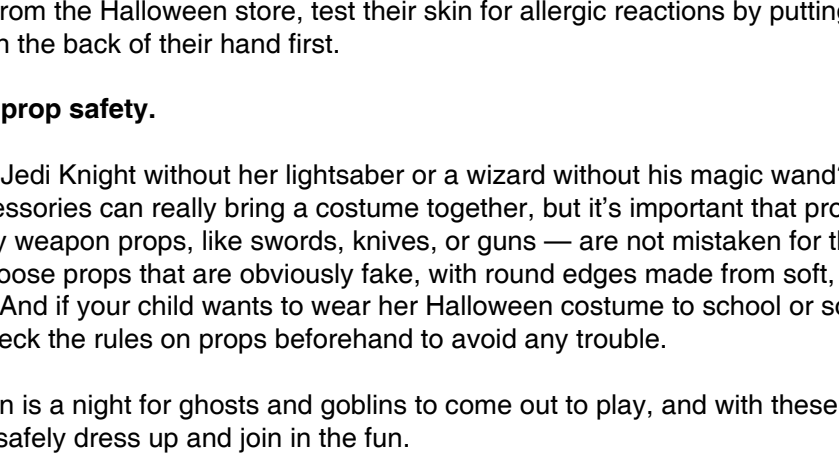
If your computer gets a virus, sometimes there's very little that even a computer expert can do to help you. The best way to prevent viruses is to take advantage of the advanced protection an antivirus software can give you.

[Just For Fun: The Programmer Who Invented Ctrl+Alt+Del!](#)

On a PC, if your browser or program stops working, it's easy to restart with the shortcut Ctrl+Alt+Del (the control + alt + delete keys). This will make it immediately shut down so you can try opening it up again. However, computers didn't always have this function.

Keeping your computer running is easy and only requires deep maintenance once or twice a year, but if you don't do it together, it could cause major problems when they're least welcome. We hope you will use these tips to help prevent a future technical crisis!

Best in Show or Halloween Hazard? Costume Safety Tips for Kids



For many kids, picking out a costume is the best part of Halloween. Will they be a spooky witch, a wildcat, or their favorite superhero? There are so many options! But in all the fun, it can be easy for parents to overlook certain risks that Halloween costumes can pose. Here are important safety tips to remember when choosing the best Halloween costume.

Look for fire-resistant costumes.

Candles inside jack-o'-lanterns and other open flames are everywhere on Halloween night, so make sure your child's costume isn't a fire hazard. Most store-bought costumes are made from fire-resistant materials, but you should still check the labels on all costumes, wigs, and accessories. The same goes when you're buying fabric for homemade costumes. And remember, fire-resistant is not the same as fireproof. While fire-resistant material takes longer to burn and can be put out quickly, it can still catch fire and cause serious injuries. Remind your child to use caution around open flames and avoid costumes with flimsy, hanging components, like flowing sleeves, long skirts, and capes.

Test makeup first.

Halloween is a great time to have fun with face paint, and makeup is a good alternative to masks, which can obscure a child's vision. However, a lot of costume makeup isn't approved by the Food and Drug Administration. Before letting your child cover his face in makeup from the Halloween store, test their skin for allergic reactions by putting just a little bit on the back of their hand first.

Practice prop safety.

What's a Jedi Knight without her lightsaber or a wizard without his magic wand? The right accessories can really bring a costume together, but it's important that props — especially weapon props, like swords, knives, or guns — are not mistaken for the real thing. Choose props that are obviously fake, with round edges made from soft, flexible material. And if your child wants to wear her Halloween costume to school, or some other event, check the rules on props beforehand to avoid any trouble.

Halloween is a night for ghosts and goblins to come out to play, and with these tips, your kids can safely dress up and join in the fun.

Most Haunted Houses in the USA

'Tis the season to sit around a campfire, roast marshmallows, and tell creepy ghost stories to all your friends. Whether you believe in that sort of thing or not, here is a list of real haunted houses around the country and the stories behind them.

1. McRaven House in Vicksburg, Mississippi



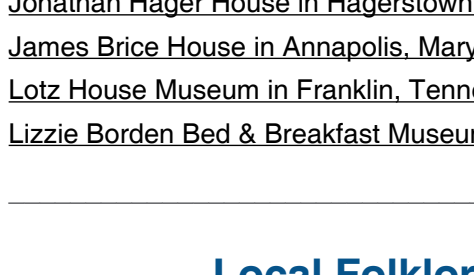
This pre-Civil War home has been featured on several television shows about ghosts and will also schedule live ghost tours. It is said the house is haunted by Mary Elizabeth Howard, who died in 1836 shortly after giving birth, and John Bobb, who was murdered outside by Union troops. [Click here to read more information on the McRaven House.](#)

2. Monroe House in Hartford City, Indiana



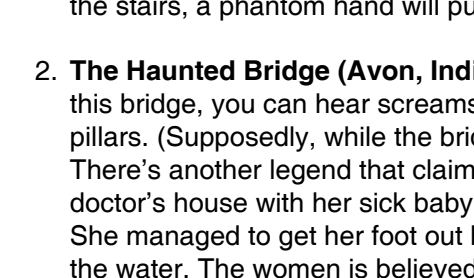
This house has been featured on the TLC program, Paranormal Lockdown and had experienced ghost hunters scared out of their wits during investigations. Neighbors report shadowy figures in the windows, lights turning off and on, poltergeist activity, and human remains have even been found buried in the basement. [Read all about the house here.](#)

3. Waverly Hills Sanatorium in Louisville, Kentucky



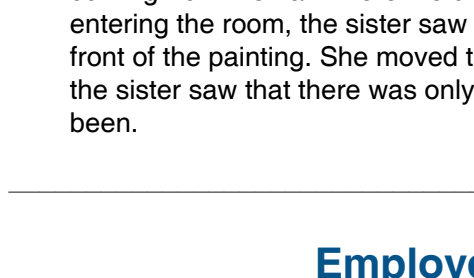
Although this isn't technically a "house", many people lived here throughout time. Considered one of the most haunted places in the world, this former tuberculosis clinic saw so many deaths in the early 1900's that a special body chute was eventually installed to send bodies directly to the onsite crematory. This location has been on MANY ghost investigation shows and they even have a public Haunted House during the Halloween season. [Here is more information about Waverly Hills.](#)

4. Molly Brown House Museum in Denver, Colorado



Yes, that would be the iconic Titanic survivor, "Unsinkable Molly Brown." Her former home is now open for history and ghost tours after a recent but remarkable complete restoration to its original glory. The ghosts of the house's former owners, Molly and J.J. Brown, as well as Molly's mother, are said to roam the property. Phantom piano music, chairs rocking on their own, and the smell of smoke from a non-existent pipe are just a few of the things people have experienced. [Read more about the Molly Brown House here.](#)

5. Farnsworth House Inn in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania



This house was built in 1810 and named in honor of Brigadier General Eton John Farnsworth, who led an ill-fated charge after the failure of Pickett's charge. The house sheltered Confederate sharpshooters during the three-day conflict and has more than 100 bullet holes in the walls. Following the battle, the house served as a hospital. Today, you can experience Paranormal nights, tours, and other events that are regularly held in the house. Guests have reported being woken up in the middle of the night by mysterious spirits. [You can read more about Farnsworth House Inn here.](#)

Here are a few more haunted places you can check out:

- Magnolia Hotel in Seguin, Texas
- Weems-Botts Museum in Dumfries, Virginia
- Hinsdale House in Hinsdale, New York
- Jonathan Hager House in Hagerstown, Maryland
- James Brice House in Annapolis, Maryland
- Lottz House Museum in Franklin, Tennessee
- Lizzie Borden Bed & Breakfast Museum in Fall River, Massachusetts

Local Folklore Legends Near You

In honor of the Halloween season, we thought we would share some local folklore of Indiana. Who doesn't love the idea of sitting around a campfire and enjoying a good scary story? In the state of Indiana, we have some local creepy ghost legends that will make your skin crawl. Here are some especially creepy stories that might just keep you up at night. Enjoy!

- 1. 100 Step Cemetery.** This story differs, depending on who you ask or where you read it. But basically, the legend goes like this: if you walk up and down a certain section of steps in a cemetery, you must count to 100 while going in each direction. If you don't, you are going to die soon. Some people even believe when you get to the top of the stairs, the original caretaker of the grounds will appear and show you your death. Some people also believe that if you try to go up the hill without using the stairs, a phantom hand will push you down the hill! Spooky!

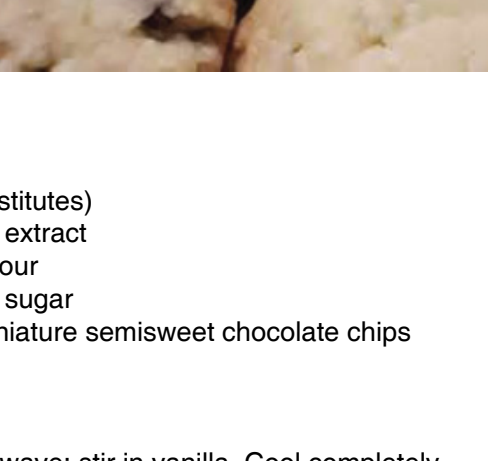
- 2. The Haunted Bridge (Avon, Indiana).** Legend has it that while you go fishing near this bridge, you can hear screams and knocking coming from inside its support pillars. (Supposedly, while the bridge was being built, a worker perished there.)

There's another legend that claims a woman was walking along the bridge to her doctor's house with her sick baby one night, when her foot got stuck in the track. She managed to get her foot out but had no choice but to jump off the bridge into the water. The woman is believed to have survived while her baby did not. Some people believe you can hear her screaming for her baby at the bottom of the bridge at night.

- 3. Saint Mary of the Woods College.** As the story goes, one of the sisters at the school had a talent for painting portraits and spent many an afternoon in Foley Hall capturing every nuance of her current subject at hand, always saving the face for last. Lacking a subject for a time, the nun decided to do a self-portrait, and spent countless hours working out every detail of her painting until it came time, finally, to recreate her own face. Unfortunately, she fell ill that very day and was rushed to the infirmary. Although the doctors could find nothing wrong with her, she mysteriously died, leaving the portrait unfinished. Shortly after the nun's passing, paranormal sightings began to occur, with students and staff reporting a shadowy nun roaming Foley Hall and its courtyard. One of the sisters was said to have heard sobbing coming from the hall where the unfinished portrait stood, still on its easel. Upon entering the room, the sister saw the back of another nun who stood weeping in front of the painting. She moved to comfort her, but as the mysterious nun turned, the sister saw that there was only darkness where the woman's face ought to have been.

Employee of the Month

Congratulations to our October Employee of the Month, Britney Osburn!



Britney has been with the law firm for 16 months and is an IA Specialist. She completes Initial Applications and appeals for clients. Her favorite thing about her job is helping people.

People who nominated Britney said this, "She has really stepped up with helping answer any daily questions that the IA group has inquired about along with going above her daily goal."

Also, "Britney is in our Initial Application Department and does a fantastic job! She has a great attitude, always willing to help and almost always goes over her goals!" And lastly, "Britney has been with us a little over a year and has ALWAYS been an over-achiever. She consistently goes above her goals and has really helped out with our newer IA Specialists."

Here are some fun questions Britney answered:

- 1. Where would you like to go on a dream vacation?** Europe
- 2. Best vacation you've been to?** Destin, FL
- 3. Any favorite line from a movie?** "You wear a jacket" Sherlock Holmes
- 4. Where is your favorite place to eat?** Buca di Beppo
- 5. What is the first thing you would buy if you won the lottery?** A house for my mom.
- 6. What's one item you want to own that you don't?** A maid service.
- 7. When you were a kid, what did you want to be when you grew up?** A teacher
- 8. What's one hobby you'd love to get into?** Sewing

Recipe of the Month Stephanie's Chocolate Cookie Butter Cookies



Ingredients:

- 1 cup butter (no substitutes)
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 cup confectioners' sugar
- 1 cup (6 ounces) miniature semisweet chocolate chips

Directions:

1. Melt butter in microwave; stir in vanilla. Cool completely.
2. In a large bowl, combine flour and sugar; stir in butter mixture and chocolate chips (mixture will be crumbly). Shape into 1-inch balls.
3. Place 2 inches apart on ungreased baking sheets; flatten slightly.

Bake at 375 F for 12 minutes or until edges begin to brown. Cool on wire racks. Makes about 4 dozen cookies.

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Real Client Reviews

Rebecca Clapp on Google

Everyone I spoke with at this office did everything possible to help me with any questions I had about my application and then with my appeal. I was very nervous about the court hearing and my attorney put me at ease about the who process by explaining step by step what would happen. Thank you all very much

Karen Gray on Google

I was always treated politely and in a professional manner. I was updated frequently and given information about the status of my case. I was given court information for any questions that I may have had. There were no costs until my lawyer won the case. I was very satisfied.

Michelle Wright on Google

I have dealt with several case managers thru the years that have worked very hard and diligently to help me with my disability claim. I have worked with Heather Stark in the past and she was always kind and courteous and extremely thorough. She had tried to contact me today to start the process of reapplying for my disability because it quite a few health issues I have developed over the years in top of things I was already dealing with. When I couldn't get back in touch with her, I spoke with Shannon Dawson and she was just as wonderful. She took her time, made me feel as if I was her only client. She took the time to make sure every piece of information I gave her was correct and complete including medicines, doctors, hospitals, etc. I truly enjoyed speaking with her today. Anyone I have encountered at Fleschner, Stark, Tanoos and Newlin over the years that have worked in my case have always treated me so well and I felt they truly and genuinely understood what I was going through. I never felt judged. I look forward to continuing to work with the team and hopefully, fingers crossed, the 3rd time will be a charm. This has been a LONG, grueling process and at times has really taken a toll on me but the team at this firm have always been very gracious and thoughtful thru it all. I just pray this time it works!! It's EXTREMELY frustrating when you see SO many friends and acquaintances that have received their disability within no time for things as simple as JUST anxiety while I have been seeing at least 7 plus specialists, had over 17 surgeries and will be needing more. I've lost a child when he was only 18 (10 1/2 years ago) and it tore my whole life and family apart and I was already suffering with several health issues and severe depression before then and it just feels as if we are the ones who have to work and fighter harder to try and receive our disability. The system doesn't seem fair. I feel confident though with this team that we WILK finally get justice. I thank you all in advance!

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- Pedestrian injuries
- Slips, trips, and falls
- Brain injuries
- Medical malpractice
- Wrongful death
- Social Security disability
- Family law
- Real Estate Law
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