

A Fort Worth haunted house is officially the ‘scariest in the world’ for 2025

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A “legendary” haunted house in Fort Worth has been named the No. 1 scariest Halloween attraction — not just in the U.S., but in the world.

HauntWorld, a website with hundreds of reviews and thousands of listings for spooky attractions, considers several factors when producing its annual list of the 13 best haunted houses.

For the 2025 rankings, Cutting Edge Haunted House on East Lancaster Avenue came out on top for its scale, production and “ability to transport guests into a world where imagination takes hold and fear becomes unforgettable.”



Visitors enter the Cutting Edge Haunted House at 1701 E. Lancaster Ave. on Oct. 7, 2007.

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What makes Cutting Edge the scariest haunted house in the world?

Cutting Edge is a “legendary Halloween experience” that has grown over the past 35 years, earning accolades that include several world records and national reader choice awards. “A towering force in the haunted attraction industry, Cutting Edge has earned its place at the top by crafting an experience that lingers long after guests exit its shadowy halls,” HauntWorld writes.

“Hidden within the walls of a century-old meatpacking plant, this Fort Worth legend draws guests into a multi-level journey where dim corridors shift, illusions flicker, and the line between reality and nightmare quietly disappears.”



Brent James of Mesquite poses at Cutting Edge Haunted House in Fort Worth on Thursday, October 20, 2011. (Star-Telegram/Khampha Bouaphanh) Khampha Bouaphanh Star-Telegram

Cutting Edge trains its actors through a program called “Boo University” where each cast member goes through multiple rounds of auditions, described as similar to a Broadway production. The experience is scary enough to carry a warning and disclaimer.



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For those who want to get the spookies scared out of them, here's how you can get tickets for Cutting Edge, the scariest haunted house in the world.

For those who want a good scare, but not the scariest in the world, we're also including other haunted house attractions in Fort Worth that are open for Halloween 2025.



Cutting Edge Haunted House is photographed in Fort Worth on Thursday, October 20, 2011.
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How to get tickets for Cutting Edge Haunted House in Fort Worth

Tickets for Cutting Edge Haunted House are “extremely limited, so buy early,” suggests its website. Guests must choose a date and time slot online to attend. Depending on that, tickets range from \$29.99 to \$59.99. Parking is \$20, cash only. There are no refunds, unless ticket insurance is purchased for \$5. No purses. Children must be at least 42 inches tall. The last date to attend Cutting Edge is Sunday, Nov. 1. The latest time slot available for purchase on this date is 8 to 8:45 p.m. Cutting Edge Haunted House is located at 1701 E. Lancaster Ave. in Fort Worth. It is open only on weekends until the week of Halloween, when it’s open every day except Monday.

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