

Transient Curse

Transient Curses are a consumable item in Dark Souls that temporarily allow players to engage with ghostly enemies, particularly in the New Londo Ruins.

“ Limb of the victim of a curse. Temporary curse allows engagement with ghosts.

The only way to fight back against ghosts, who are cursed beings, is to become cursed oneself.

The safest method, however dreadful, is to cut off an arm of the dead.

Usage

When activated, the Transient Curse enables players to attack and block **Ghosts** and **Banshees** for a duration of five minutes. This effect is crucial for navigating areas like the New Londo Ruins, where these spectral enemies are prevalent. It's important to note that the Transient Curse is considered a self-buff; therefore, it cannot be used simultaneously with other self-buffs such as **Power Within** or **Green Blossoms**.

Acquisition

Merchants

- The **Female Undead Merchant** sells Transient Curses for 4,000 souls each.
- **Ingward** offers Transient Curses for 1,000 souls each.

World Locations

- **New Londo Ruins**: Multiple corpses throughout the area hold Transient Curses:
 - Two can be found on a corpse within a vase right before the wooden bridge leading to the first Ghost encounter.
 - Two more can be found on a corpse within a vase behind a wall near the Fire Keeper Soul.
 - Another two are located deeper in the upper levels of the area.

Enemy Drops

- **Ghosts** and **Banshees**: 5% chance to drop Transient Curses.

Notes

- The Transient Curse is essential for dealing with Ghosts and Banshees, as these enemies cannot be harmed or blocked without being cursed.
- The effect lasts for five minutes; players should monitor the duration to avoid being caught off guard when the effect expires.

Trivia

- The necessity of using a Transient Curse to combat ghosts underscores the game's emphasis on preparation and adaptability in overcoming challenges.
- The Transient Curse's design reflects the game's intricate mechanics, where understanding item interactions is key to progression.

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