

# Stunt Performers



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# Goals for the Lesson

- 1) The class will recognize the importance of stunt performers in the Film and Visual Effects Industries.
- 2) The class will analyze different types of stunts and how they are accomplished
- 3) The class will understand what tools are needed to pull off a stunt



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# What is a stunt performer?

- A stunt performer is a trained professional who performs stunts, not to be confused with a daredevil
- They step in when an action is deemed too dangerous for the actors they are doubling
- **Safety** is their #1 priority



# How does one get in the industry?

- Most start off in athletics, then work small parts in television and films
  - “Many stunt performers were risk-takers--or, at least, top athletes--before they got into the business. There are no official stunt schools in Canada, or even minimum requirements to do the work, hence the industry is filled with a mixed bag of martial arts specialists, race car drivers and former pro athletes. "Some out-of-shape guys specialize in doubling as out-of-shape actors, but most of us are athletes," (Intini 50).
- The more stunts you can do the more you get hired



# Types of Stunts

- Fight choreography
  - Punches and hits are kept at a distance but look real on camera
  - All of the fights are thoroughly rehearsed
  - Eye contact is crucial







# Types of Stunts

- Weapons
  - **Firearms-** Fired blanks or digital effects were added
  - **Fake surfaces-** Chairs, bottles, anvils, weapons,
  - **Glass-** Made of crystalized sugar or digital effects were added



# Types of Stunts

## Vehicles

- These stunts look good because of practice
- Stunt drivers are typically brought in specifically
- Lots of planning is involved to make sure it is safe.



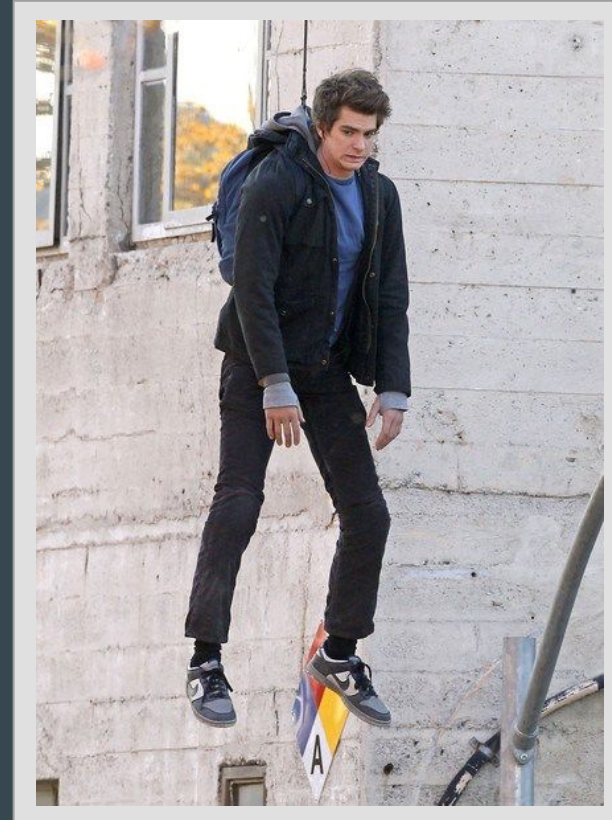
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- Flames
  - Stuntmen wear layers of fireproof clothing
  - They wear gloves and a mask with a small hole in it, or a small air tank hidden
  - The stunt performer is covered in flammable gel and then lit



# Types of Stunts

- Rigging
  - Rigging for picture
    - Rigging that is part of the story- (Rope, wire, bridge, etc.)
  - Rigging for illusion
    - Rigging is removed later- (Flying, jumping, falling, etc.)



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