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The dropper is a scare that comes from above, it is important to vary your scares by using the from above, below, and from sides rather than just the beginning and end of your lines. This room was used for the first time last year and it worked better than we expected which led to the addition of floor padding.....

Materials:

- 2x4s
- 3" wood screws
- 2 small pulleys
- Rope
- Strobe Light
- 2 sections of 4x8 wire fencing

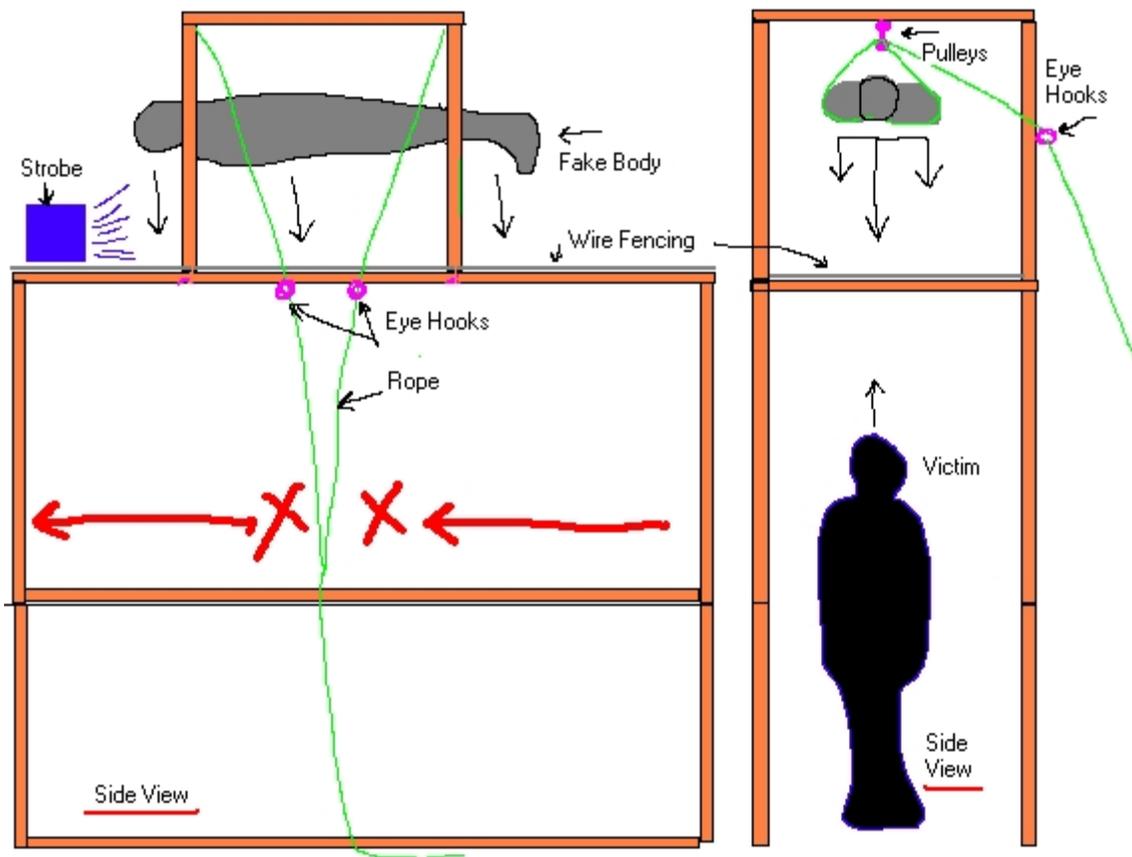
The setup:

The first step is building your walkway, we built ours four feet wide and eight feet long but the size is up to you just make sure you have wire fencing wide and long enough to cover the top of the walkway. The walkway will be eight feet high, build the walkway similar to the picture using wood screws instead of nails, this will make it easier to take down later. Once the walkway is built take your wire fencing and secure it to the top of your walkway, we use two layers of fencing to insure safety.

The second step is building the unit that will hold the fake body, this will be four feet wide (or as wide as your made your walkway) and four feet long, and depending on the ceiling height you have it can be from four to eight feet tall. Take the pulleys and attach them to the unit at each end (see pic) Now take this unit and secure it on the top of your walkway, make sure this is held in place firmly.

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The third step is making your fake body, this can be stuffed clothing, it could be a bundle of material wrapped in a sheet, its up to you how you want it to look but make sure that it is held together well as it will be taking a lot of abuse over time. Once the body is made you will need to create a harness using some of the rope, tie it around the body at the shoulders, and at the knees, we run a 2x4 down the length of the body to give it sturdiness. Now place the body inside the top unit and run your rope from the shoulders through one pulley and the rope from the knees through the other pulley, run the rope over the side of the walkway and through the eye hooks and tie the rope together. Add a piece of rope where the two meet so that you can hoist the body to the top of the unit, I suggest placing a hook on the structure that will hold the body in the hoisted position when not in use.



Now onto the scare.....



The Scare:

Once the whole unit is in place test the drop of the body a few times to make sure it goes smooth, the first thing you will notice is when the body hits the fencing it makes a great loud noise which is the second reason for the double fencing. Place a strobe

pointed up at the body so that it lights it up rather well. Now cover the walls of the walkway and I suggest placing foam padding or some semi soft carpet on the floor. Ok now your all set, lift the body into position and hook the rope and wait for the group to enter the walkway, the strobe light should be on and this will draw there attention to the body far above them...as they look up at the body your operator pulls the rope and lets the body drop crashing onto the fencing!! In our experience there was a need for the padded floor because 80% of our visitors hit the floor screaming when the body crashed into the fence.....

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