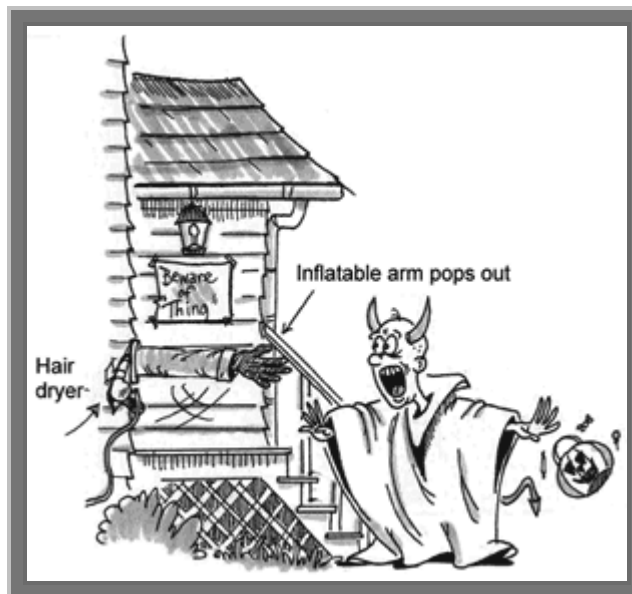


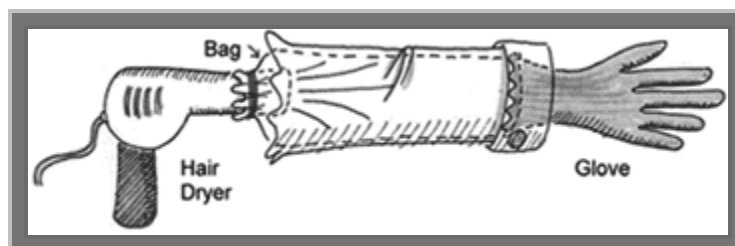


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Inflatable Shockers



These little surprises can take a variety of forms, but the intention is to use a creature made out of inflatable material, have it lying inconspicuously near the front door, and at the right moment flip the switch to rapidly inflate the creature to life. The inflatable creature can be purchased as a Halloween decoration, or made out of an inflatable toy or decoration bought at a toy, novelty, gift, or Halloween store. It can also be made out of lightweight plastic trash bags, dry cleaner bags, disposable latex gloves (like those used by dentists), etc.



A simple and effective inflatable shocker is to make an arm. Start by cutting the sleeve off an old long-sleeve shirt. Get a lightweight, disposable latex glove, and a small waste paper can plastic liner cut to match the sleeve length. Cut the closed end of the bag off, lay the glove on a table, and insert about 1" of the bag inside the rubber glove, and use packing box tape to seal the glove to the bag. Use duct tape to securely fasten the other end of the bag around an air hose or a powerful hair dryer (set on cool). Either put a white lightweight cotton glove with blood stains over the rubber glove, or paint fake blood directly onto the rubber glove, then slide the shirtsleeve over the arm.

The lighter the materials, the faster the inflation. Take a hole punch and make 3-4 holes about 3" up from the end of the bag to keep it from popping from excessive inflation. Now, duct tape the dryer to the wall, or when using an air hose, tack the sleeve to the wall beside the door about 4' from the ground. Tape a section of black plastic sheeting onto the wall over the arm to keep it out of view. Then, only the extended arm will be visible to the treaters. From inside, wait for the kids to get close, and plug in the dryer (be sure to have the dryer switch preset to the on position).

The arm and hand will shoot straight out. Have other sound effects playing, so the noise made by the dryer isn't as distracting. Other figures that can be used include a large spider made with black plastic liners, or a ghost with white plastic liners. Make eyes, mouth and nose from pieces of paper, fabric, or cellophane. Use cellophane tape on seams, and cover in lightweight cloth for realism. The important thing is to keep it light enough to rapidly deploy, so test it out first. You can also use an air tank and compressor, but watch the pressure, or you may need to go over to the next block to recover your arm.

If you feel adventurous, install two arms, or you can even inflate a pair of hip boots.

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