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Surprise Mat

This trick simply uses a mat switch device attached to a special effects device to surprise those little candy moochers.

This could be a single flash (from a camera strobe) accompanied by a loud sound effect. Other effects can include:

- Activating a small motor that pulls in the line attached to a hanging corpse on a track-line
- The use of a jackhammer pad that, when activated, vibrates like it's being jack hammered
- A ball of fire from a wired hidden flash device
- Trigger a jump-out head on a spring board, or dropped from above on a black cord

The idea is a sudden surprise that doesn't harm anyone. You can use a loud horn or siren, rotating beacon lights, or turn on a compressor with a hose attached to a large balloon inside some hanging old clothes. The balloon explodes once it gets too large. Even small effects can be scary. Look around for other electrical special effects to trigger.

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