

Sidewalk Climbing Skit

Cast: Several Sidewalk Climbers.

2 - 4 groups of people passing by and enough offstage personnel

Also needed: "Tools" - Climbing tools or even two tent stakes will work. Several long ropes are needed also.

Talk slowly, loudly and towards the audience!

The skit begins with the "sidewalk climbers" lying on their stomachs on the floor. The rope is tied around the climbers' waists (like a safety line) and leads offstage (to the offstage personnel.)

In the climbers' hands are "climbing tools" which can be anything that a climber would use to climb rocks, or **even sticks**, it really doesn't matter too much.

The climber simulates climbing up a rock formation by getting a good hold with his tool and pulling up (sliding across the floor), then getting a good hold with the other tool, etc....

1st Passer-by group: What in the world do you think you're doing here?

Climbers: "Why, we're sidewalk climbing!

It's a really dangerous hobby.

It takes a lot of strength and concentration.

One mistake and it's all over!" (Continues climbing)

1st Passer-by group: "You're crazy!" (Passer-by walks off.)

Climber: Continues to make the climbing action across the floor.

2nd Passer-by group: "Hey mister/lady, what ARE you doing there?"

Climbers: "We're sidewalk climbing!

Not everybody can do this sport.

It takes a great deal of training and strength.

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One slip and it's all over!"

2nd Passer-by group: "What a nut!" (The passer-bys take one of the tools from each climber and walks off. The climbers now each have to try to climb with only one tool - makes it look a lot harder.)

Climbers: "Oh no! Thank goodness we still have a tool, I think I can still make it!" (Continues "climbing.")

3rd Passer-bys: "Wow, look at this weirdo! Just what is it you think you're doing?"

Climbers: "We're SIDEWALK CLIMBING!" (Climbers must grunt out the words due to the extra effort it takes to climb with only one tool.)

"This is a really dangerous sport.

We lost one of our climbing tools.

All it takes is one wrong move and we're in real trouble!"

3rd Passer-bys: "This is really dumb!

You're just lying on the sidewalk!

There's nothing dangerous about that.

Nothing will happen if you slip.

Here..... We'll PROVE it to you!" (Passer-bys take the last tool out of each of the climbers' hands.)

Climbers: "Oh No!" (and tries to hang on to the tool) (Just as the tool is taken out of the climber's hand, the offstage personnel pull on the ropes and pull the climbers out of sight, as the climbers yells "Ahhhhhhhhh.... look what you've done now!") **(Please be very careful!)**

3rd Passer-bys: Look at audience with sheepish looks on his/her faces, shrug shoulders, and quietly walk off the stage.