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Theatrical Problem Solving – Technical Problems

Write out your solutions to the following tech theatre problems.

1. You are an actor on stage. The lights go up. Your scene partner has had a costume mishap and her costume change is not complete for an extra 30 seconds. What do you do so the audience has no idea there's a problem?
2. You're an actor on stage in a musical. You have a wireless mic on. You start to sing and it's clear the mic isn't working. You don't know why. What do you do?
3. You're the Assistant Stage Manger backstage. You realize an actor has left an essential prop on the prop table. What do you do? How do you do it so the audience has no idea there's a problem?
4. You're an actor on stage. The phone is supposed to ring. It doesn't. What do you do so the audience has no idea there's a problem?
5. You're the stage manager. It's an hour to showtime. An actor is crying in the stairwell because of a phone call with extremely bad news. They can't go onstage. What do you do?
6. You're the stage manager. An actor trips, falls of a riser and lands on her face. She has a bloody nose. What do you do?
7. You're on the stage crew. You're in charge of moving a big set piece onstage during a blackout. The set piece is stuck on something and won't move. You don't know what. What do you do?