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"Scripted stunts" can mean many things—either an actual stunt has been performed in production, or the illusion of a stunt has been achieved through a series of camera angles, framing, and editing. Scripted stunts can be anything physically demanding, such as a simulated fight or slap, a slip or fall, the use of a simulated weapon, or breaking a prop such as a glass bottle or a piece of furniture. Essentially, a hazardous stunt is any choreographed performance that could expose someone to the physical risk of bodily injury.

Keep in mind that filmmaking is about creating illusions. The appearance of an action sequence or stunt on the screen is usually not the result of hazardous stunts being