

IMPROMPTU MAGIC

What do you do when faced with an unexpected crisis? How can you deal with a surprise attacker? A mugger? Suddenly feeling unwell?

Experienced magicians know that even quite simple magic needs some preparation and planning. In "[Cast Real Spells](#)" we discussed why it is important to seriously consider what your outcome for any piece of magic is, so that you don't end up accidentally creating problems for yourself.

What might the future hold?

Life has a habit of throwing the unexpected at us. Many magicians prepare for crises by working spells either to:

1. Avoid a predictable crisis,
2. Deal with the unavoidable before it occurs, or
3. Have emergency magic at their finger tips when taken by surprise.

Avoiding Predictable Crises

Using the techniques of divination in chapter six of "[Cast Real Spells](#)" regularly sharpens your intuition, and you soon notice that, while you may not know exactly what is wrong, you know that something definitely IS wrong, and you get out of the way of trouble before it happens.

Wise magicians will do a monthly, weekly, or even short daily reading to see if there are any shocks looming in life.

Once you know where the current forces acting in life are taking you, spells can be cast to move you out of the way of the problem.

Dealing With the Unavoidable

Common sense also gives a good guide to what can go wrong in life. If you regularly have to travel in an area where muggings are common, then your odds of being mugged are clearly higher and it will behoove you to cast a protection spell to reduce this risk. [Chapter Three](#) shows you how to design your own spell to do this if you haven't got one in mind already. Spending a short time considering what you normally do, and where you normally go, can help you prepare to deal with the day to day risks you actually face.

Protection spells are only one way to help.

Another common approach is to do the spell in advance to be triggered when needed. For example, a spell to repel an attacker could be prepared and cast frequently building energy to repel an surprise attack. One author, Al Manning suggests this approach. Some magicians perform the spell regularly and visualize its energy being triggered when they make a particular gesture. If faced with an attack, they make the activating gesture and immediately have a reserve of previous spell work at their command to deal with the attack. This is only one way to have -

Emergency Magic

Once you are good at entering the magical state of mind described in "[Cast Real Spells.](#)" you can use a preprepared symbol of your intention in many emergency situations without having to repeatedly recast a spell in advance.

Let's assume you have a job where conflict is a real possibility but you (sensibly) wish to avoid violence if at all possible. So you might prepare a symbol as described on page 15

of "[Cast Real Spells](#)" from the intention "BACK OFF." Then, when faced with someone who seems threatening you simply slip into the right state of mind and visualize the symbol between you and him.

Non Emergency Magic To Go

Of course, it's not just emergencies that can be tackled in this way. Symbols can be prepared in advance to help you deal with all sorts of people and situations in day to day life. A salesman might prepare a symbol to help prospects understand the main points in his presentation, then slip into the right state of mind when presenting to people who don't seem to get what he means. I'm sure you can see that, with a little imagination, you can ready yourself for all kinds of events this way.

I asked a few magicians I know what symbols they thought would be useful to have preprepared in this way. Give the list a once over – if any seem useful to you make your own symbol from the word for your own use. The suggestions I got back were:

COMPLY: created to help persuade difficult people

BACK DOWN: used to change someone's mind when they are arguing with you, perhaps

BACK OFF: used by one magician in potential conflict situations

FIX: all round repair symbol used on electrical appliances and health problems

HEALTH: visualized over or inside the relevant part of the body

LOVE: to bring a feeling of harmony to people or situations

CALM: to relieve a place or person of tension

BE GENEROUS: to encourage generosity in others

FLEE: more aggressive response than BACK OFF above

SAFETY: to help create a safe environment around you or others

REMEMBER: as a memory aid for yourself or others

BUY: as a sales aid to persuade prospects

BE MY FRIEND: as a general aid in social situations. I would be careful with this one personally, and would only use it in a targeted way.

GET OUT OF THE WAY: for obstructive people in traffic

REPAIR: variation in FIX above

CURE: another health alternative

CASH: to invoke short term money supply for your self or others

BENEVOLENCE: to create sympathy for yourself from others in a way that moves them to be generous and feel good at the same time

GIVE DISCOUNT: for the bargain hunter in you

WEAK: to reduce a threat

INVISIBLE: for when you want to be unnoticed

I'm sure you can think of many more.

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As much spell casting uses candles, incense, and other hot materials, please make sure you take adequate fire precautions. We want you to come back and buy our other products, not lie in a hospital bed with severe burns. Magicians are often portrayed with cowled robes and flowing sleeves etc. Whilst this can look really impressive, remember FIRE will destroy any cool you have if you wave those sleeves too near the candles or joss sticks.

You know what I'm trying to say here. Modern legislation practically requires me to remind you to keep breathing whilst performing magic Be careful. Be safe.