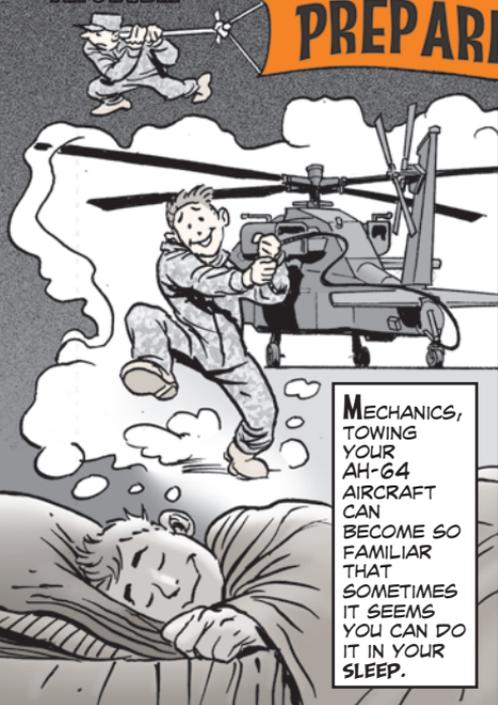


PREPARING FOR TOWING



MECHANICS, TOWING YOUR AH-64 AIRCRAFT CAN BECOME SO FAMILIAR THAT SOMETIMES IT SEEMS YOU CAN DO IT IN YOUR SLEEP.

NOT SO FAST THOUGH.

NO MATTER HOW FAMILIAR YOU ARE WITH THE PROCEDURE, DON'T GET IN A HURRY WHEN IT'S TIME TO TOW YOUR AH-64.



Too often the quick-release pin isn't in place before towing or gets overlooked when preparing your helicopter for the tow bar. If that happens, you'll shear off the tail wheel lock actuator and put your bird out of commission.

To avoid ripping the tail wheel apart, always press the lock handle down first and fully insert the quick-release pin. Remember, the lock handle can pop back up before inserting the pin.

Then hook up the tow bar and you're ready to go with the tow.

And don't forget the ground guides required by your TM. They keep you from running into something.

As an extra measure of safety, keep a whistle handy to warn the tow driver and the person on the cockpit brakes to stop if rotor blades are getting too close to the hangar doors or another aircraft.

Before towing make sure pin is in and handle is in full down position

