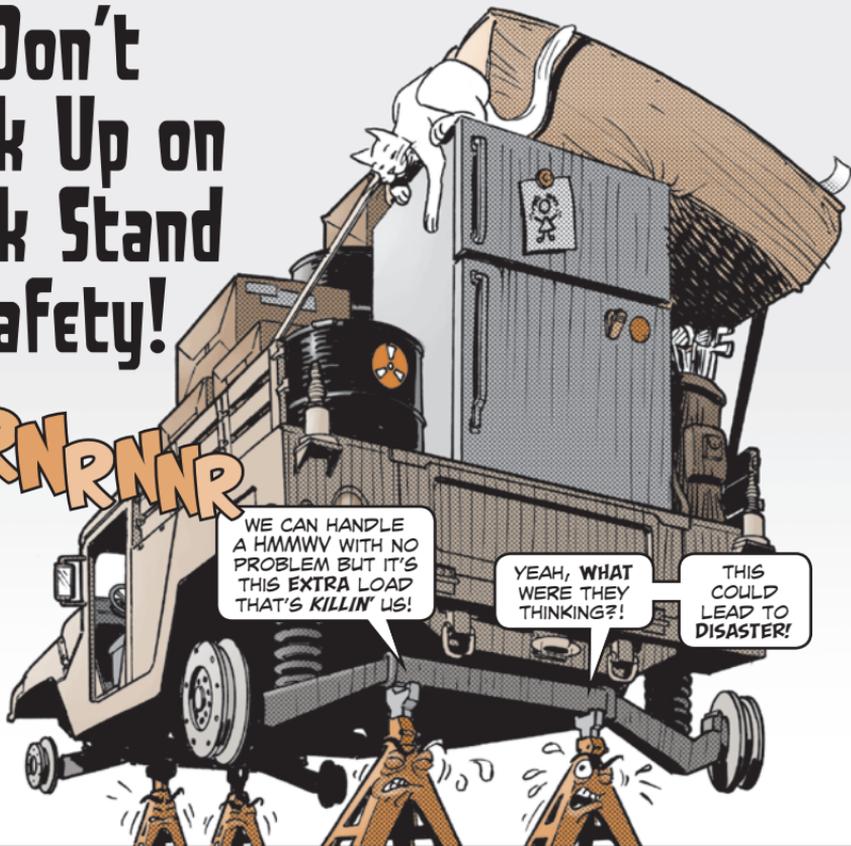


# Don't Jack Up on Jack Stand Safety!

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Dear Editor,

In my work as a safety officer at Ft Carson, I see units putting cargo, fuel and water-carrying vehicles and trailers that have heavy secondary loads on jack stands. These loads could weigh hundreds of pounds.

A jack stand that can safely support an empty truck or trailer may not be able to carry all the extra weight of the load. And most of the time Soldiers have no idea how much that extra load weighs. Plus the extra load changes the center of balance, which means the vehicle could fall off the jack stands. If a jack stand collapses, someone could be killed.

So I strongly recommend that units unload trucks and trailers *before* they put them up on jack stands. There is no point in taking chances.

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*Editor's note: Excellent point, Mr. Fenner. Jack stands are the last thing you want to take chances with. Always unload your truck or trailer before putting it on jack stands.*