



All Jacked Up

What you see here, friends, is a genuine, home-made death trap. A truck jacked up by a couple of tire rims and a bunch of boards. Doesn't seem like it would take much of a bump for the whole thing to come toppling down.

I've done plenty of work under the hood of my own car and I've got to tell you, whenever I crawl underneath, I always make sure it's supported with proper jack stands put in all the right places ... with backups. Why? Well, *duh!* ... 'cause I don't want to die, that's why. I've read about plenty of accidents where backyard mechanics got killed because they were under their car putting 150 pounds of torque on a stubborn bolt when their jerry-built supports failed, and the car fell on top of them.

Let me tell you something. Your life is worth far more than the cost of a couple of jacks, so if you don't have the right equipment, go out and buy it! Can't afford it? Borrow some.