# Topic 6

Designing with Forces

### Design

- Designers rely on three methods to help structures withstand forces
- 1. Distribute the load throughout the structure
- 2. direct the forces along angled components
- 3. Shape the parts to withstand the force

#### Problem 1

 Rectangular frames can be easily pushed out of shape

#### Problem 2

 Horizontal beams often bend in the middle if they are carrying a load

#### Problem 3

 Large solid beams are very strong, but very heavy.

## Strengthening Structures

- Friction works between two objects and can stop them from moving
- Friction is very important in wood structures, where the pieces are fastened together