

Top Ten Tips for a Successful Move



10. Start your move with a ProMover

Find a certified mover fast! ProMover takes the worry and hassle out of moving by helping you quickly and easily find a qualified professional mover near you.

Locate a mover, get a referral, and find free tips and resources at Moving.org.



The Better Business Bureau



Angie's list



Friends and family

8. Get at least 3 written in-home estimates

Be wary of any "guaranteed" estimates offered over the phone or online. Make sure you show the mover everything that has to be moved. If a mover insists that he can provide a final estimate without ever seeing your home and your furniture – choose another mover.

7. Know your rights



Your mover is federally required to provide you with the "Your Rights & Responsibilities" booklet, the "Ready to Move" brochure, and information about their arbitration program.

6. Decide what you want to keep



You may want to consider if the cost of moving the item is greater than the cost of replacing it later. You also can work with a mover who participates in Move For Hunger. They collect unneeded food to donate to local food banks. It helps feed the hungry while reducing the amount of stuff you are moving.

5. Avoid large down payments



Some movers may ask for a "good faith" deposit to hold a date (especially during the busy summer season), but be wary of carriers seeking large down payments, or full payment in advance for any reason.

4. Get all agreements in writing



Make sure all agreements between you and your mover are in writing, and get a copy of everything you sign, especially the most important document, called the bill of lading. Never sign any blank forms.



3. Take valuables with you

Cash, coins, jewelry, photographs and important papers should be taken with you or shipped separately.



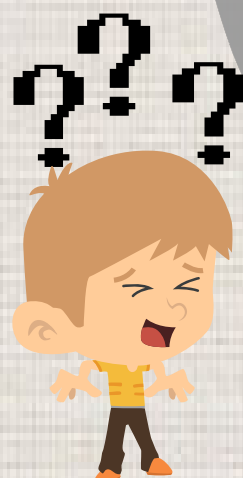
2. Be reachable by phone



Exchange cellphone numbers with your mover in case there are any unforeseen changes in your delivery date. Get the driver's truck number and full name for fast and accurate communication.

1. Ask questions

If you do not understand something – ask. If you aren't satisfied with the answers to your questions or if the mover hesitates when you ask for clarification, talk to another carrier.



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