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Choosing A Mover For The Smoothest Move

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- Ask your friends or neighbors who have moved recently for recommendations. A word-of-mouth
- Ask prospective movers for references, and call them to see how satisfied their customers a
- Get written estimates from at least three movers before deciding.
- To minimize the hourly charges for a short move, try to do as much of the work yourself as
- Consider whether or not you would like the mover to pack and what other additional services
- Know the difference between binding and non-binding estimates. With a binding estimate you
- Inform the mover of any possible unusual situations, such as access or parking problems, on
- Verify that the mover is licensed and regulated. You can inquire from state agencies that r
- Spend some time talking with each moving company. If they take the time to understand your

Things to avoid in choosing a mover

- Do not accept estimates over the phone. Moving is a complicated business with many variable
- Do not take everything with you to get rid of at the other end. This will add costs to your
- If you are looking for movers on the Internet, make sure you do not use a broker. Once a br
- Don't let a moving company bait you with low hourly rates. You're paying for your belonging

Questions to ask potential movers

Be sure you get the answers to these questions before you choose your mover.

- Are there extra charges if the movers have to go up an extra flight of stairs even if I did

- What is the estimated delivery time and how will the driver notify me?
- If I pack myself what type of packing material is acceptable?
- How and when do I pay? Cash, credit card, check personal or certified?
- Will the movers disassemble everything and will they reassemble all items at the destination?
- Following the initial weigh in, will there be an additional weigh in to determine actual cost?
- If I have purchased liability insurance and I need to make a claim, what is the process?
- How long has your company been in business? How much experience do your packers and drivers have?

Be assertive when asking questions. You have the right to be confident about your choice in moving.

Important documents for your move

Be sure these documents are provided by the mover before your move.

- A certificate of insurance showing all required insurance liabilities.
- A written estimate.
- Proof of workers compensation coverage, which will protect you from liability in the event of an injury.
- A bill of lading, the legal contract between you and the mover that defines the services the mover will provide.
- An inventory of your items. The driver will present the inventory to you for your signature.

Moving can be a stressful time, but remember, many millions of people have moved before you. Take your time and do it right.

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