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Everything You Need to Know About Piano Moving

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A complete guide to choosing the right piano mover. This article includes tips on what questions

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Moving can be a very stressful time in a person's life, especially if he or she has not hired

Why do I need to hire a professional piano mover?

Many of you may be wondering why you would need to hire a professional piano moving company to

The average upright piano weighs between 400 and 900 pounds. Grand pianos can weigh between 6

As a piano mover, I have come across many cases where a customer has hired a household piano m

How are pianos moved?

When you hire a professional piano mover, you can expect 2-3 people to come to your home equip

Are all professional piano movers equal?

Unfortunately, as in any trade, each piano moving company varies in their level of quality and

Are all piano movers similarly insured?

Sadly, the answer to this question is no.

There are 3 types of insurance to consider when hiring a piano mover:

1. Commercial/automotive insurance: Is the company insured against damage to property and
2. Cartage/content insurance: Is the company insured against damage to the piano?
3. Workman's Safety Insurance: Is the company insuring its workers against injury?

Some piano moving companies are insured for 1 or 2 of these types of insurance, but not all 3.

Why is worker injury important to me?

You may be wondering why it is important that you ensure that the piano mover you hire has Wor

Does moving the piano affect the sound of my piano?

The actual move of the piano does not affect the sound or tuning of a piano. Generally piano

How much does it cost to move a piano?

Piano moving is generally billed in one of two ways:

1. The household mover way ~ hourly rate, with a minimum number of hours (usually min. =
2. The professional piano mover way ~ flat rate based on the following factors:
 - a. Type (upright, grand) and size of piano
 - b. Distance being moved
 - c. Difficulty level due to stairs, grass pulls, tight turns etc.
 - d. Time restraints place on the move
 - e. Waiting time that might be incurred.

The advantage of a flat rate system is that, barring any unforeseen events, you be able to get

How much notice do I need to give the Piano Mover?

The amount of notice needed will depend on when and where you need the piano to be moved. Mos

Below are listed some recommended questions to ask when you are looking to hire a piano mover:

1. How long have you been moving pianos?
2. Do you have any references?
3. Do you have full-time, trained staff moving pianos for you?
4. How do you charge for moving, and what are your rates?
5. What days of the week do you move pianos, and what is your availability?
6. Are you covered for Commercial/automotive insurance, Cartage/content insurance, and wo
7. Will you provide me with a copy of your workman's safety insurance clearance certifica
8. What amount will my piano be insured for during the move? What does this insurance co
9. What are your terms of cartage? Will you provide me with a copy?
10. Will I be provided will a bill of lading when my piano is moved?

Listed below is the information that you should have prepared when you book your piano move:

1. What type of piano is it that you require to be moved? (Upright or Grand Piano)
2. What size of piano is it? (upright pianos are measured by height [floor to lid] and gr
3. Where is it being picked up from? (Have full address including postal or zip code)
4. Where is it being delivered to? (Have full address including postal or zip code)
5. Are there any stairs that the piano needs to go up or down (inside and outside)? If s
6. When are you looking to have the piano moved?
7. Are there any time restraints involved? (As time-restraints tend to hamper the effici
8. Inform the piano mover of any problems that you can foresee ahead of time.

The more information you can provide the piano mover, the more accurate your quote will be. I

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