

WE'RE MOVING!

ARE YOU READY?



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Moving with children		
	Tell them early	Tell your children about the house move as early as possible.
	Talk it through	Take the time to talk with each of your children separately about the move and what it means to them.
	Address concerns	Children should be encouraged to express any concerns they may have about moving and to ask lots of questions.
	Adventure time	Try to portray the move as an adventure with new and exciting experiences lying ahead, especially if moving overseas.
	Packing toys	Get your children involved in some of the house packing, in particular giving them the job of packing some, if not all, of their toys.
	Sequence of events	Clearly explain the sequence of the moving day events to your children.
Planning your house move		
	The date	Arrange this as far ahead as possible. Avoid cancellation / postponements, which can be costly.
	Your new home	A map showing your new address and a contact telephone number is always helpful.
	Mains services	Removal companies are not allowed to tamper with mains services. So make arrangements with your gas / electricity boards, well in advance.
	Deep freezers	Run down food stocks. Although every care is taken, your removals person is not responsible for the contents.
	Carpets / curtains	Check your quotation and / or service specification. Your removals professional will take down curtains / blinds by prior arrangement – but will not put them back up again or lay fitted carpets.
	System furniture	This can be difficult! In theory you're supposed to be able to dismantle and reassemble most furniture. We all know it never goes together again so well and can't be covered by insurance. You can move it complete, but joints may loosen.
	Packing	How much your removals company does depends on your quotation and / or service specification. If you are paying for a total service, best leave it to the professionals. The insurance does not cover items packed by you.
	Insurance	Always insure your move for total peace of mind. It costs very little and protects you against the unknown. Remember that your insurance will not cover items you have packed yourself (another good reason for leaving it to Burke Bros Moving Group).
	Special attention	If you are concerned about moving any items such as plants, fine art, wine collections or antiques, discuss them with your removal company well in advance. They will advise you and give you an idea of cost.
Just before moving day		
	Drawer	Leave drawers as they are but do not lock them. Avoid over filling chests, sideboards or drawers.
	Plan	Work out where you want your possessions in the new home – drawing a plan is helpful. Make sure someone is at the new house to show where things go.
	Parking	If there are restrictions at either house, warn your removals team. You need about 50ft of parking for one removals van. It saves costs if the vehicle can park close to your property.
	Flats	You will need priority for the lift, if the lift is small (or non-existent) warn the removals team in advance – do not leave it until the van arrives.
	Unloading	You've seen the new house, your removals team haven't! Warn them about unexpected hazards such as poor access, small doorways, spiral staircases, or trees close by.
	Spare key	It happens all the time – the removals van is at the house before the owner. Waiting time will cost more, so if possible, give the removals foreman a key.
	Small problems	Try to have children and pets looked after by relatives or neighbours – you will have enough to do without worrying about what they're up to.
	Checking out	On the day, before you leave the house, check all the rooms to make sure nothing has been left behind. And remember, don't leave the hall mirror!