



10 Ways to Avoid Internet Moving Scams

- **Don't be fooled by slick websites.** Anyone with a few bucks and a good IT person can build a professional-looking website. Don't be fooled by the flash.
- **Locate their operating license.** Every professional interstate moving company will proudly display their U.S. Department of Transportation license and their Motor Carrier number on their website. If you don't see the license number, move on to another website.
- **Verify the license.** You can verify the MC number at www.protectyourmove.gov.
- **Look for the 'brick and mortar'.** Make sure the website lists a street address and then do a quick Google search to see if it really exists.
- **Get at least three written in-home estimates.** The Internet is full of 'moving cost estimators,' but the only estimate that counts is one offered by a professional mover who visits your home.
- **Check references.** If a company displays the Better Business Bureau or AMSA logo, verify that they are using these seals legitimately by contacting AMSA or the BBB.
- **Avoid companies that require large deposits or down payments.** Professional movers generally do not require a deposit, so avoid those that do.
- **Avoid Internet brokers.** People who enter their contact information on websites that promise to find movers often find themselves inundated with aggressive scam artists.
- **Be skeptical.** Remember: if you receive an estimate that seems too good to be true, it probably is.
- **Use an AMSA mover.**

