

Top 10 Myths About Moving Debunked

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In the moving industry there are quite a few moving myths, just like in any other industry. Today we will debunk the top ten myths about moving and clear things up a little bit. Most of these moving myths came to existence after some unhappy customers shared the same opinion or the moving companies never debunked the word by mouth. Now we will go after these movers myths and try to reveal the real facts.

Myth 1: All movers are the same – a pack of crooks – hire the first!

Wrong! Myth debunked – all movers are not the same. Do your homework and research the moving companies you are considering. Compare their services, rates, reputation and you will see that there are many reputable movers out there. One spoiled apple doesn't mean the whole three is bad. Check with the FMCSA and the BBB and you will soon find established and reputable movers. Research will guarantee you protection against [rouge movers](#), prejudice can only prevent you from finding them. Hiring a big nationwide moving company or van line with many years of experience is a good idea.

Myth 2: Moves can't be planned in advance, so moving will be a disaster.

Fallacy! People who can't plan their time and went through one bad moving experience created that myth. Moving can be planned and, when you do so, it will never be a disaster. Every trustworthy moving company will tell you that the most important part when moving is planning. Proper planning will ensure smooth relocations, save you time and ultimately money. Educate yourself in advance for a smooth relocation and so not lay on those myths about moving anymore.

Myth 3: Boxes are all the same – use whatever you find!

Mistake! Boxes are not all the same. Professional moving boxes are more durable and made of cardboard that is more durable. They can handle heavy items and protect your electronics and fragile items. Regular grocery store boxes will tear apart if you overload them, moving boxes will carry the weight. Plus some of these used boxes could contaminate your goods with God knows what. Try liquor stores and libraries for boxes. The moving box sized does matter too. As a part of this common myth is that you can load your books and kitchenware in any box which may lead to unexpected consequences. Lead the heavy books in small size moving boxes and the dishes in dish-pack boxes.

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Myth 4: Labeling boxes doesn't do much!



Packing the moving boxes will save you hours and even days of unpacking. Don't label and you will be plucking your hair at the new place! The little extra time you will spend labeling all your boxes on the [moving day](#) will save you hours (even days) when arranging the new place. Save yourself the frustration of looking through all your boxes for a pair of shoes and label boxes properly before the moving. If you have your boxes labeled properly, the movers will be able to put them in the proper room when moving into the new house or apartment which will save you additional time and effort.

Myth 5: I am supposed to pack everything before the moving!

Nooo! This can make the move a disaster in the end. Most movers offer [full moving services](#) that include packing, so you can get that service. Movers will supply you with all the packing materials and gladly do the job as they know how to pack professionally. Keep in mind that some of the **delicate items as china for example need proper packing**, so you should do that tricky job to the professional movers. Of course if you want you can do the packing by yourself. Here are some [useful packing tips](#).

Myth 6: You don't have to pay the movers before it's all unpacked at the new place!

Beep! That's the biggest myth about moving of all. Every moving company requires a full payment before they unload your stuff from the truck. Moving companies' main service is the moving labor they provide, so since they have only received a small moving deposit for the job, movers require full payment before unloading.

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Myth 7: Moving insurance will cover any damages or lost items!

Are you serious about that? Professional movers will clearly explain what their basic liability ([moving valuation](#)) covers. This basic insurance covers only a portion of what is lost or damaged. Get the full details and if you want to insure your items for their full value, make sure you request full value protection plan from the movers or a third party insurance company (like [Baker](#) or [MovingInsurance.com](#) as they are the most popular in the business).

Myth 8: Packing for a move is a time for reminisce!

Stay focused on the present! Moving requires your attention and time. It is a dramatic enough, don't bring more drama by reminiscing. Thinking about the past will inevitably bring back bad memories along with the good. If you want, put together a few important objects in a separate box and go through them while waiting for the movers at the new place.



Another moving myth busted - moving valuation and moving insurance are different things. Ask you moving company about your items value protection.

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Myth 9: I have to ride with the movers in the truck!

Do you want to? Most movers would not want you to ride with them as they are supposed to move your goods, not you. Riding with the movers in the moving truck is unnecessary and would make them uncomfortable all along as this will show you don't trust their professional service.

Myth 10: Expect items to be broken at delivery!

Seriously? If you expected that then you would probably be [moving everything yourself](#) to make sure proper handling. If you have hired a reliable moving company, you should not be worried about your goods being damaged. Professional movers will take professional care of all your belongings, so make sure you [hire a company](#) with established reputation.

Bonus Movers Myth Busted: All movers cost about the same!

Not true. There could be a great difference in the final moving cost based on the moving company you choose. Just be warned that the cheap moving companies might cost you more than reputable moving companies as this is a common moving scam to increase the final moving costs in the last minute. Make sure you get as many moving estimates as possible to [compare before moving](#). You can also [use our moving cost estimator](#) for accurate moving cost calculation by professional relocation companies.

Get the facts about moving, not the myths! We hope you liked our myths about moving we have debunked today. Let us know your thoughts. Share your moving myth in the comments below. We will include the best ones in the article.

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