

Protecting your Belongings during the move



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How can I protect my furniture during a move?

Wrap all furniture in [bubble wrap](#) or plastic covers to prevent scratches and moisture damage. Dismantle large items and protect corners with foam padding.

Use blankets, towels, or specialist [Furniture covers](#). Place screws and small parts in labelled bags. Avoid dragging furniture across floors to prevent damage.

What materials are best for packing fragile items?

Use bubble wrap, packing paper, foam sheets, and [strong cardboard boxes](#). Label boxes as “Fragile” to ensure careful handling.

- Wrap each item individually.
- Fill gaps in boxes with crumpled paper or foam peanuts.
- Double-box especially delicate items like glassware or vases.

How do I keep my electronics safe while moving?

Use the original boxes with foam inserts. If not available, choose sturdy boxes with plenty of padding and anti-static materials.

Remove detachable parts like wires and accessories and store them in a labelled bag. Avoid storing electronics near liquids or heavy items.

Should I hire professionals to pack my belongings?

Yes, hiring professionals ensures your items are packed securely with the right materials and techniques, saving time and reducing damage risk.

[Professional movers](#) Professional movers have experience handling fragile and bulky items, and often offer insurance for peace of mind during transit.

What’s the safest way to move large or heavy items?

Dismantle them where possible, protect sharp corners, and use proper lifting techniques or equipment like dollies and straps.

Team lifting prevents injuries and protects items from being dropped or bumped during the move.

How can I prevent items from shifting in the moving van?

Pack boxes tightly, use straps or ropes to secure furniture, and fill empty spaces with soft materials to reduce movement.

Place heavier items on the bottom and lighter ones on top. Use non-slip mats for added stability.

Are there tips for labelling and organizing boxes for safety?

Label each box clearly with its contents and destination room. Mark boxes with fragile items for special care.

- Use colour-coded labels or stickers for quick room identification.
- Keep an inventory list for tracking.
- Number boxes to ensure nothing is left behind.

How do I protect my belongings from weather damage during a move?

Use waterproof covers, seal boxes with [packing tape](#), and avoid loading during heavy rain when possible.

Keep essential items in plastic containers. Line cardboard boxes with plastic bags for an added layer of protection against moisture.

Additional Packing Tips by Item Type

General Tips

Use the correct size boxes—avoid overfilling large boxes with heavy or fragile items. Wrap breakables in bubble wrap or newspaper, and always label them as “Fragile.”

Pictures and Mirrors

Wrap frames and mirrors with bubble wrap or foam. Apply masking tape in an “X” shape over glass surfaces to prevent shattering. Transport them upright, not flat.

Books

Pack books in small boxes to avoid heavy loads. Place them flat to prevent bending, and fill gaps with paper to stop movement.

Electronics

Use original packaging if available. Otherwise, choose thick, padded boxes. Detach cables and accessories, and store them securely in labelled bags.

Furniture

Disassemble large items. Wrap wooden parts in moving blankets or bubble wrap. Use mattress covers and sofa protectors to guard against dirt and moisture.

Fine Clothing

Use wardrobe boxes to hang clothes and protect them from crushing. Avoid standard boxes that can collapse or allow moisture in. [Wardrobe boxes](#) also simplify unpacking.

Ready to Move Safely?

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