



## Choosing a Legitimate Moving Company

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If you're planning on moving, one of your foremost considerations should be hiring a reputable moving company. While it may be tempting to choose based on price alone, it's important to realize that not all moving companies are alike, and in some cases, choosing a cheaply priced mover can end up being more costly than you expected.

The internet is full of rogue movers with professional-looking websites that advertise low prices and lofty promises, but this is often a simple case of bait-and-switch. In some instances, an illicit mover may abruptly change the price once the truck has been loaded, essentially holding the shipment for hostage. Additionally, many dishonest movers neglect to carry proper insurance, which means you could be legally liable if an employee gets hurt while moving items on your property.

The best way to avoid being the victim of an illicit moving company is to do your research. All legitimate movers are licensed and regulated by the California Public Utilities Commission and the Department of Transportation, both of which protect consumers in instances of fraud and neglect and make sure movers are properly licensed and insured. It only takes a few minutes to verify a moving company's legitimacy, and it's a step that could make the difference between a positive moving experience and a disastrous one.



When planning for a move, an important consideration is choosing a reputable moving company.



Due to the presence of dishonest companies, it's vital to do your research before hiring a mover.



A mover's legitimacy can be verified via resources such as the California Public Utilities Commission.



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