

Choosing a Reputable Mover

Here's an important "to do" list to help you select the right mover:

1. **Get a written estimate from several movers.**

The estimate should be based on an actual inspection of your household goods.

2. **Make sure the mover has insurance and is licensed by the proper authority.**

For moves from one State to another, a U.S. DOT number is issued by FMCSA. You can double-check a mover's license on www.protectyourmove.gov. For moves within a State, you can verify a mover's authority on www.movinginmissouri.gov.

3. **Remember your priorities when choosing a mover.**

If you hire a mover based solely on the cheapest price, you may be sacrificing other things that are actually more important, such as getting your possessions moved and delivered on time. And remember, non-binding estimates are exactly that – non-binding. A non-binding estimate is not a contract or a bid, it is simply a written estimate of the cost of your move. You may request a binding estimate, but movers are not required to provide one.

4. **Do your homework.**

Read "*Moving in Missouri*" a brochure from the Missouri Department of Transportation that your mover is required to give you if you are moving within Missouri. This booklet also has information you'll need if your goods are lost or damaged during the move.