

# A Written Estimate: Your Best Defense Against Horrific Moving Day Surprises - Even for a Move in the Garden State



You can still end up a victim on moving day, even if you're relocating to another house or town in New Jersey. Dealing with a mover who provides you with a detailed written estimate is your best defense against a horrific moving day experience.

## IT'S AN INDISPUTABLE FACT. THERE ARE TWO TYPES OF MOVERS: GOOD MOVERS AND BAD ONES.



The good movers are not only **licensed**, but also are **fully insured**, boast a **superior track record** and enjoy an **outstanding reputation**. The State of New Jersey

requires moving companies to perform thorough in-home or virtual surveys in order to prepare a detailed written estimate. All reputable movers comply with this rule.

Professional estimators within relocation companies assess what you are looking to move, identify any issues with access and provide you with a written estimate.



But some movers quote their minimum price for a small move or may quote ball park prices by phone.

Beware of these companies because phone quotes or ball park estimates are nowhere near the accuracy of an in-person estimate. In fact, oftentimes, these quotes are not realistic. What's more, they cannot be used for comparing companies.

Without an onsite or virtual assessment and the completion of a written or online form, it is impossible for a mover to know the **type of furniture** you have, the **handling that will be required** to maneuver the furniture out of your home and what **amount of packing or crating** may be required. And, **you can be sure that all these things will affect cost**.

We strongly advise consumers to beware of moving companies that quote prices over the internet or on the phone—especially because the lowest price quoted may not be the price you will end up paying!

### ONE ADDITIONAL TIP:

Movers are legally allowed to ask for payment before they unload your furniture. Plus, a binding price can be changed even if:

- ✓ Your moving company did not do an initial site visit
- ✓ You agreed to waive the in-home estimate
- ✓ You added more items or required additional packing after the estimate is completed

Remember: If the scope of your move has changed from the original quote, ask your mover to revisit your home again and provide you with a revised estimate. A reputable mover will always be happy to do this.

Reputable movers have been vetted to insure they are properly licensed and meet the highest industry standards.



And, at Main Street Movers, we are proud to say we have met and exceeded this vetting process. As a reminder, we are:

- ✓ Fully licensed with the NJ Division of Consumer Affairs and the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Bureau
- ✓ Carry all the mandatory insurance including general liability and workers comp
- ✓ Have earned the Circle of Excellence Honor from the New Jersey Warehousemen and Movers Association\* (NJWMA)
- ✓ Maintain an A+ rating good record with the Better Business Bureau

**And, we are also super excited to announce that Main Street Movers has been voted New Jersey Mover of the Year 2019 by our peers in the NJWMA. We are incredibly proud to be acknowledged by this group of outstanding colleagues and partners in our industry.**



See what our customers are saying about us. Check us out on Google and Yelp.



\* NJWMA standard for membership is higher than that of the New Jersey Division of Consumer Affairs