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How to Find Moving Companies by [Joseph Burnand](#)

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Moving can be a very stressful experience, not to mention the costs related to it, which can also make it an expensive experience. The fact is that if you are moving for the first time and you do not do things right, moving can become not only stressful, but a nightmare. The truth is that it does not need to be that way as long as you start with the right foot, and starting with the right foot means finding the moving company. So, what is the right way to look through moving companies and find the one that is right for you?

The first step you should take is to be careful with the companies you browse online. There are some companies online that have a very good reputation and do not rip people off, however, not all of these moving companies are 100% trustable and many of the victims that report having being ripped off are people who found their moving company online but did not check the reputation of the company they were hiring. There are many ways to check a company's reputation. For example, most websites offer a comments section where previous customers can post their comments on the service they received. If you cannot find a comments section, you should think about going somewhere else.

If you have enough time, the best option is to open your phone book and find moving services in your area. Another good idea is to call local real estate agencies. Real estate agencies always have moving service companies at hand because of the very nature of their business. The next step is to pick a few companies that have been in business for some time, ten years or more; do not hire moving brokers. Customer protection laws currently apply only to motor carriers and to brokers. Therefore, in case you have a complaint, if you hired a broker, your complaint will not be taken into account.

The best way to have an estimate final price is to have them come to your house and do the proper calculations there. If a moving company is not willing to come over to your house and do the estimations there, do not hire that company and move on to the next one. Make sure that they, not subcontractors, provide the service provided by the company. It is also a good idea to visit their office and make sure their office to make sure the company is real, see the trucks and the facilities yourself. Also, make sure that all the trucks are properly identified with the company's name and logo.

Every company will try to give you a price based on what they see in your house. It is recommended to leave the paperwork from previous companies in plain sight where the rest of the companies can see it, that way, they will know you have had other companies visit you and will think twice before wanting to overprice you and in fact, they might end up giving you a lower price because of competition.

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