



Office Moving Pitfalls

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I am going to review with you today 6 common pitfalls company move coordinators often experience and ways to resolve those pitfalls.)

1. **Don't Rush the Physical Move**

Reducing the time available for movers to perform their services will impact the quality of work, and may increase costs due to overtime and rush fees.

Resolution

Understand the timeline for all vendors, including the mover, so that they do not crossover.

2. **Poor communication will Add Move Day Stress**

You must keep your relocation team members, employees and vendors in the loop at all times regarding your relocation.

Resolution

Keep a worksheet with the company names, contact names/numbers of all vendors, property management, elevator repair and employees involved in move day.

3. **Poor Planning**

- Bad office moves begin with poor planning. Most people assigned to coordinate the office move have never done it before. Even if they are planners and well organized they don't have the experience level to know what to plan and when (See OleRRelo Move Checklist.)

Resolution

Start planning early and push decision makers into choosing vendors early in the process.

4. **Phone Estimate or with no Site Survey**

Phone estimates are a way to ruin your move. Site surveys are recommended even on the smallest of moves. Specific furniture may require a certain tool or equipment for moving.

Resolution

Have an office moving professional survey your contents and provide a fixed bid.

That way you will know that you are getting the most affordable move.

5. **Don't Get Caught on an Island**

Recognize early that you will need help handling the move. It is not reasonable for one person know everything that needs to take place in a move. This is important because moves can get complicated quickly and each department needs to be held responsible for their portion of the move.

Resolution

Create a move team where all departments are represented for proper coordination. This has been the six pitfalls to avoid in you upcoming office relocation