

Common Moving Mistakes and How to Avoid Them

Moving house has plenty of moving parts, and small mistakes can have a big knock-on effect. The good news is that most of the usual problems are predictable.

Leaving everything too late

One of the biggest mistakes is underestimating how long moving preparation takes. Packing, cleaning, organising paperwork, changing addresses, and booking transport all take time. Last-minute rushing usually leads to forgotten items, poor packing, and a far more stressful day.

Not decluttering first

Moving things you no longer want is a waste of time, space, and money. A proper clear-out before packing can reduce the volume of the move and make the new home easier to organise from day one.

Using poor packing methods

Weak boxes, mixed-up contents, missing labels, and badly protected fragile items create problems fast. Packing is not glamorous, but it is a core part of a successful move. Do it well and the rest becomes easier.

Choosing the wrong transport

A van that is too small means extra trips. A removals package that does not match the size of the job can lead to delays and added cost. Always choose transport based on the real volume of items, not a hopeful guess.

Forgetting access and logistics

Parking restrictions, key collection times, stair access, lift access, narrow hallways, and awkward furniture all need considering in advance. It is amazing how many people plan the move but forget the bit where the sofa has to actually get through the door.

Not keeping essentials separate

Packing documents, chargers, medication, toiletries, and day-one basics into general boxes is a classic mistake. Keep essential items with you so that the move remains manageable.

The smarter way to move

A better move is usually not about working harder. It is about removing avoidable problems before they happen. Plan early, pack properly, choose the right transport, and think through the day from start to finish. That approach delivers a far better result than optimism and carrier bags.

