

Shifting out of the City? Where do you start with the shifting?

OR

7 things to look out for when packing up your house / office to a new location

Moving a home can be a huge effort considering the volume of things that need to be transported. Add to that the complexity of handling various items within a home – ranging from sturdy to delicate. Add to that the cost factor, It can be an expensive affair too if you choose the wrong professionals. However relocation can become less cumbersome if you approach the right professionals who can ease your woes. The biggest concern that a transferee faces today is on how to choose the correct mover who can take the personal treasured possessions safely and without any hassle.

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It is vital that we select the right relocation company.

Here are 7 ways to relocate smartly by **Mr. Rahul Pillai, Country Manager, India, INTEREM:**

1. In a market wherein there is no licensing requirements to become a packer & mover, the biggest task for a customer is to shortlist the right packing & moving company. In this given scenario, the easiest way to shortlist some reliable companies in India will be by checking if these companies are FIDI accredited in India. FIDI is the only accreditation globally where extensive physical audits by International audit firm E & Y is initiated. Only if the packing & moving company exceed the benchmarking set by FIDI, can it be selected as a FIDI member. Due to this stringent selection process, the customer can be assured of international quality standards for their move. You can log onto WWW.FIDI.COM for more information.
2. As the size of operations of FIDI companies vary, it is recommended to select at least 3 to 4 FIDI accredited companies in India for getting the quotations. This will allow a customer to know more about each company as well as give an ability to compare among the companies based on the presentation, infrastructure, quality & pricing.
3. At the time of the pre move survey it is recommended to ask for references so that a reference check can be initiated. If time permits, visiting a nearby packing job site of that company will be a good idea.
4. It is very prevalent in India that a lot of companies are misrepresenting the well known packing companies in the internet space. The customer needs to be very careful and at the time of a pre move survey must ask for an Identity card as well as full information of the company. It is important to ask for the documents pertaining to the company as well as the FIDI accreditation certificate to be sure that the company is genuine.
5. A visit to the packing company's facility is recommended as this will give you an idea about the operations. Note how the operation looks i.e.
 - Is the warehouse neat and orderly?
 - How are the goods stored?
6. Do ask for a detailed quotation which must include the packing process, service inclusions and exclusions, transit time and terms & condition of the insurance cover. It is important to know the claim settlement aspect before signing off with a packing & moving company as that will become very challenging.
7. The above points & the detailed quotation will enable you to make correct comparison based on parameters like price, services offered, claim redressal, references. You could then base your selection on the criterions that you feel are most important for you.

If the above points are followed while short listing a packing & moving company, the chances of being disappointed will be very less. The same can ensure a hassle free relocation.