



The most important decision : Moving yourself or with the help of experts ?

There is no universal answer to this question. You can only ask this question in relation to your individual case and then make a decision under thorough consideration of the particularities of your move. In doing so, there are lots of details to consider.

Think about whether it is worthwhile to involve relatives or friends in the moving process. Try to ask yourself how motivated you are when it comes to helping others move their furnishings from one place to another. Today, daily workloads are tremendously high – for you and your friends, too – and with the actual moving day approaching, your daily hassle will still increase. Quite often people who are moving overtax themselves by far. Moving on one's own means that the organisers take on a big responsibility in a field of activity they do not really know.

The reliability and physical fitness of the voluntary helpers are an absolutely indispensable precondition. Experience has shown, however, that the situation before the move looks totally different from that on the moving day. Some immediately offered their support for your removal, absolutely no problem, a matter of course! ...but on moving day, most of them find good excuses to do something else. Others can only help for a couple of hours and have to leave before the work is done. Then the remaining helpers and family members will have to do their work and that of those who didn't come or left the party early.

Often helpers overestimate their physical fitness and abilities and are absolutely exhausted, much earlier than anyone would have expected. Then everything takes much longer than planned and, in addition, the risk of damage to your valuable furniture increases. If items are damaged it's not easy to claim compensation from a friend, and at the end of the day, you're the one who has to pay for it. The liability insurance of your voluntary helpers usually won't pay for damages that occur when an insured is doing a friend a favour. And don't forget the damages that walls, staircases or parquet floors may suffer. As the contract partner to the landlord or house owner you are the one to be held liable.

But there are still some further questions to be answered before you can make your final decision:

How about the required technical aids and tools?

Do we have enough packing blankets?

Do we have enough lashing straps to secure the furniture on the lorry?

Who can provide carrying straps to move heavy items?

What size does the removal vehicle have to be to accommodate the whole furniture and avoid additional travels?

Who can load the lorry without causing damage to your belongings?

Who can disassemble and reassemble the furniture?

If you have a thorough look at all the aspects of your removal project you will certainly find some more points that require clarification in advance. Only then, you can take the right decision using due care and far-sightedness.