

✓ Choosing a Senior Move Professional



Specialists in senior moves can provide extremely valuable services during challenging transitions. It's imperative, however, that you like, trust and "click" with this individual. They will be helping you work through some pretty tough tasks, so make sure you are comfortable with them from the beginning. Ideally, interview more than one candidate, in person, and discuss these topics:

CREDENTIALS

Have they received special training and/or passed a qualifying exam? Senior move specialists may hold a number of certifications, including (but not limited to) these organizations:

NASMM – National Association of Senior Move Managers (nasmm.org)

CRTS – Certified Relocation & Transition Specialists (crtscertification.com)

NAPO – National Association of Professional Organizers (napo.net)

REFERENCES

As with any service provider (or anyone you are hiring to do a job) it's helpful to know how past clients have viewed their work and the value those clients feel they received for the money they paid. This information will be invaluable as you consider different service providers, so be sure to request and check references.

COST

Some move managers charge by the hour, others by the job. Read contracts carefully to know what services will be provided and the estimated cost. The geographic location, the magnitude of the move, and the number of desired services will all impact costs.

Depending on your location, senior move professionals can charge less than \$50 per hour or more than \$150 per hour. Others will charge a lump sum based on the services you select from their menu, regardless of the time required to provide those services. Either way, be sure to get a written estimate.

PROTECTION

Be sure your move manager is insured and/or bonded. You are trusting them to handle your possessions and you should feel confident in their abilities, as well as the protection they offer, while providing those services.

SERVICES

Most move managers offer a "menu" of services, so you can pick and choose what you need, as opposed to things you want to handle on your own (or with the help of family/friends). Again, comparing several companies will help you find the best fit for your needs.

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