

Your solution to the moving nightmare



OK – so you are moving house. We all know that in terms of stress levels, it is ahead of divorce and starting a new job* and that means you need our help!

One of the most acclaimed stressbusters in the business is on hand to tell you how you can get through it and stay sane.

Josephine Stevens talks to Katie Shapley, Managing Director of The Organisers, and gets their recommendations and Top Tips on how to make this stressful time a walk in the park.



PLANNING

- Optimise timing – do your planning in term time and your move in the holidays
- Declutter before you start packing. Sort items into piles – things to move, things to throw away and things to donate. Do not pack anything that you will not need in your new home.
- Once you have decided what items you are taking, mark out on the new floor plan where you want large items of furniture to be placed
Have nothing in your house that you do not know to be useful or believe to be beautiful (William Morris)

QUOTES

- Ensure you ask at least 2 removal firms to quote for the move
- Ask each company the same questions to ensure you have a comparable quote
You do need insurance and never under insure – it's a false economy for a domestic move

ACTION STATIONS

- Be there on the day to oversee the movers packing standards
- Make sure the removal company carry out an inventory and check it
- Mark up boxes with which room they are for to make life easier at the other side
- You don't need "export wrapping" or crating unless something is highly delicate or fragile – in which case consider carrying it yourself
Know the number of boxes that leave your house so the same amount arrive at your new home

MOVE IN DAY

- Make sure you have the essentials with you and not at the back of the moving van – toilet roll, tea bags and milk – the removal team will be much more cooperative after a cup of tea!

- Have your inventory printed and be ready to check in items as they arrive through the door
Stick your marked floor plan on each room door to allow the movers to know where to place furniture.

UNPACKING

- You've got 2 choices with this - Stress or Zen!
- Either do the move management yourself and book the removal firms 'unpacking service'. That means they unpack the boxes "onto a flat surface" and you risk being surrounded by piles of boxes and unsorted clothes, pots and pans for the next 6 months

OR... hire the HomeMaker team from The Organisers!

The HomeMaker team will unpack every item, arrange your kitchen, put all the clothes away neatly and even get the beds made. You can sit in your favourite chair, read the newspaper and when you eventually look up, it's as if a fairy's wand has been at work. Not only is the TV in place but it's working! Dinner is on the table and the house has been cleaned, ready for the family to celebrate their next chapter.

Now that's what we call moving!

Use The Organisers HomeMaker team – there is no better way to move!

P.S. A little birdie told us that The Organisers just won an award for their bespoke HomeMaker service by Build Magazine – you read it here first!

Contact the HomeMaker team to keep your Zen on +44(0)20 7078 7554 or team@theorganisers.com
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