



## Moving house? A checklist of things to do

### Helpful Moving Hints

#### Hiring a Removalist

When hiring a removalist:

- ❖ Choose carefully. Removalists don't need a license, so check that yours seems professional and responsible.
- ❖ Get more than one written quote, if possible. For this you will need a clear idea of what items are to be moved.
- ❖ Check if boxes and packing are included in the price.
- ❖ Check if the removalist has the right insurance in case they damage or lose your goods.

#### Plan, plan, then plan some more

It is essential to plan all the important aspects of the move ahead of time.

- ❖ There's no point moving junk. Consider a garage sale, or simply drop unwanted items off at a charity shop.
- ❖ Draw a floor plan of your new home, and decide where items will go.
- ❖ Remember that your fridge and freezer should be empty when moved (it may be time to finally defrost those chops!)
- ❖ If doing the packing yourself, label everything clearly and box the items by room. Your floor plan should help you out here.
- ❖ Breakables should be wrapped individually in newspaper, the heaviest items at the bottom of the box.
- ❖ Consider packing very fragile and personal items separately and taking them in your car.
- ❖ For padding, consider using old blankets, doonas etc.

#### Moving the (entire) family

It is not only you that can get stressed out by moving house.

- ❖ Young children find the moving unsettling. On the day of moving remember to keep some kids' toys out for them to play with.
- ❖ Pets can find it hard to get used to their new surroundings: keep them inside for a few days, and make sure they have plenty of food and affection.

### Don't forget

- ❖ Move all possessions out of the house, remove all rubbish and clean before the settlement date (unless you have made other arrangements)
- ❖ Make sure the agent has provided you with all the keys to your new home.
- ❖ Do not leave disconnection of electricity, water, gas and telephone until the last minute as sometimes, meters must be read.
- ❖ Say goodbye to your old neighbours!
- ❖ Check the locks, burglar and smoke alarms in your new home as soon as possible.
- ❖ Ensure your house and garden are child-safe. If there is a pool, check that it is properly fenced. Is the yard safe? What about the medicine cabinet? Are there household chemicals that children would have access to?
- ❖ You may wish to have new locks fitted.
- ❖ Say hello to your new neighbours! Hopefully, you'll know them for a while!

### Things which could be left until after you move:

Notify in writing:

- ❖ Bank, Building Society and Credit Union (inc. Bankcard and children's accounts)
- ❖ Aged, Invalid and other Pensions (CentreLink and Veteran's Affairs Department)
- ❖ Family Allowance (CentreLink)
- ❖ Public Library
- ❖ Life Assurance Companies
- ❖ Building Insurance
- ❖ Car Insurance Company
- ❖ Any other insurance (children's, accidents etc.,)
- ❖ Hire Purchase Companies
- ❖ Credit Cards (Visa, Grace Bros., etc.,)
- ❖ Shares and Investments, Government Bonds etc.,
- ❖ Newsagent/Magazine subscriptions etc.
- ❖ Social/Sporting Clubs
- ❖ Children's Activities (Scouts, Ballet etc.)
- ❖ Neighbours, Relations, Friends and others

### Things you should attend to before you move:

- ❖ Insure house you are moving into if you are purchasing
  - ❖ Telephone
    - OFF at old address
    - ON at new address
 Telstra Ph: 13 22 00
  - ❖ Notify your Employer/s
  - ❖ Electricity supplier
    - OFF at old address
    - ON at new address
 Integral Energy Ph: 13 10 02  
Energy Australia Ph: 13 15 35
  - ❖ Gas supplier
    - OFF at old address
    - ON at new address
 AGL Ph: 13 12 45
  - ❖ Milkman and Newsagent (advise last required delivery)
- Notify the following in writing:
- ❖ Doctor/Dentist/Accountant
  - ❖ Schools (when children change school you will need an official transfer signed by the head of their former school)
  - ❖ Health Fund and Hospital (if you are an outpatient etc.)
  - ❖ Arrange for your mail to be forwarded to your new address (You can have the Post Office redirect your mail for a fee)

***If you are moving house there are some things you need to do and some people who need to know***



### Things you are obliged to do by law:

- ❖ Notify the Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA) of your change of address for:
  - ❖ Car Registration
  - ❖ Driver's Licence
- ❖ Notify the Electoral Office (address under Commonwealth Govt. in telephone directory)
- ❖ Notify the Local Police (if you have any driving summonses etc., pending or if you are to be a witness in a case etc.)