

MOVING SCAMS ARE ON THE RISE



If you hire the wrong moving company, you are at risk of your property being held for ransom, damaged, dumped or stolen; the company might not show up on moving day.

Before you hire a mover if you see any of these red flags, you are in a position where you can - and should - bail out.

1. **▶** Quotes that have not been verified using a visual inspection of the goods, either in person or virtually.
2. **▶** Confusing words or too many conditions for moving in initial quotes.
3. **▶** Street address for the company should be on their website, paperwork and correspondence, and should be an office address.
4. **▶** Movers who demand wire money via electronic/digital transfers, cash or a large deposit before the move.
5. **▶** A very large number of 5-star, online, positive reviews, potentially indicating friends and employees have provided the reviews or the review service was purchased.

The best way to avoid moving nightmares is to research your mover before hiring them. Contact the Illinois Movers' and Warehousemen's Association (IMAWA) to find out information about the mover you want to hire.



Illinois Movers' and Warehousemen's Association
www.imawa.com

**CHECK TO SEE IF YOUR MOVER IS LICENSED
BY CALLING IMAWA 217-585-2470.**