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With Christmas fast approaching, it's not only the shops and retail outfits that are getting ready for the sudden onslaught of customers.

As well as Estate and Lettings Agents, Removal and Shipping companies are getting ready for Christmas as well. After the Summer and Easter holidays, this is one of the busiest times of the year for moving home.

Anyone that was unlucky enough not to complete their house sale in the summer months is now desperately trying to make sure that they move this side of Christmas, so that all the loose ends are tied up before the New Year. Also Christmas and the New Year see the end of many tenancy agreements, so therefore the renting market becomes saturated with vacant properties to let.

Being a tenant at this time of year is great, due to the extensive range of properties that are available. And if you're lucky, you may even get a discount on the monthly rent or deposit due to the fact that the landlord is having trouble letting it out.

However, if you're a landlord at this time of year, you will have to make sure that the property you are letting is picture perfect so that you get the right kind of tenant and the right price for your property. With so many people taking advantage of the Buy to Let market, you cannot afford for your property to be on the bottom rung of the ladder right now.

Although, the actual moving day may not be top priority for many people relocating, it should not be forgotten and left till the end.

You see, many people think that booking a removal company is like booking a taxi – Quick and easy.

What many people don't realise is that removal companies can be fully booked for days and weeks in advance. So if you don't want to be left with the really expensive companies or on the other hand, the cowboy firms, contact your movers well in advance.

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Don't get me wrong, it is not always that everyone leaves it late to book, but sometimes the exchange on their property does not go through until a few days before completion. And if you're renting, you can find a property and be accepted within just a few days if your credit check goes through straight away.

One major piece of advice that I give to all my clients is to make sure that you get quotes from Removal or Shipping companies as early as possible. If you contact them at least 6–8 weeks in advance of your proposed move date then you are more likely to be prepared for short notice completions. Also, the removal companies will be more patient and understanding of your situation if things do get delayed.

This is also a good idea so that you know exactly how much your removal is going to cost you well in

advance. Moving with a professional company may be less hassle, but it can also be expensive. So Be Prepared!

And don't think that just because you are moving yourself, you have it easier either. Moving at any time of year is hard work, let alone in the cold and wet winter months, so make sure you have prepared yourself for the worse.

Check out Jane's website, [www.movingetc.co.uk](http://www.movingetc.co.uk) for more information on moving home, as well as free advice on which removal company to use for your stress free move.

Jane is an Independent Relocation Consultant with many years experience within the moving industry. She has worked for both small family removal companies as well as large multinational shipping firms and set up her own company in order to reduce the stress of moving home. Jane has been with her partner for eight years and they are expecting their first child at the beginning of the New Year.

## **Moving Company Guide**

**By Briana Liebmann**

Your decision in finding the right moving company should be made at least 4–8 weeks in advance. This will leave you plenty of time to book the moving company and prepare for any unexpected obstacles which might arise. In general, moving companies are usually more busy at the end of the month, as well as Fridays and weekends. As a result, they may charge extra for these days. When you know which company you will be moving with, call and ask them when their less busy days are. The more flexible you are, the less the cost will be. Also, let the movers know what you are expecting and ask plenty of questions. To help you, here are some thoughts you might want to keep in mind before contacting a moving company in order to get the best and most accurate quotes: \* What are your preferred moving days? \* How far is the move? \* Is it local, long–distance, or international? \* How much assistance will you need with packing? \* Will the moving company be expected to pack everything or will that be left up to you? \* Let the Moving company know if they are moving fragile or valuable items. \* How much stuff does the moving company have to transport? \* How much

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insurance will be needed? A good way to find the best moving company is by word-of-mouth and recommendation from others. Also, many reputable companies are available online. All of their information is available on their website. Remember, don't be afraid to ask if you have questions. With this advice, your move should be enjoyable and much less stressful.

Briana is an original content writer for <http://www.youseekit.com> which features original articles on a variety of topics.



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