

# The **RUSSBAILIE** Team

## Hiring Movers

### **LOCAL AND LONG DISTANCE MOVING**

As a general rule, although each moving company may vary to a certain extent, a local move is considered to be a move within an 80 km (50 mile) radius of the moving company's premises. Therefore, long distance would be considered a move outside an 80 km (50 mile) radius of the moving company's premises. The mover must hold appropriate licences for local and long distance moving. Check with local and provincial authorities if you have any questions!

### **HOW THE COSTS OF YOUR MOVE ARE TYPICALLY CALCULATED**

#### **Local Moving**

Costs are calculated on the number of hours the truck is tied up on your move multiplied by the hourly for-hire rate. Generally, the hours are based from the time the truck leaves the moving company's premises until the time it returns.

#### **Long Distance**

Costs are calculated on the weight and distance of your shipment (shipments will be weighed at a government inspection weigh station).

### **STORAGE**

If your goods are to be placed into storage, make sure the costs of storage are explained to you including loading and unloading fees plus monthly storage rates.

### **TAKE CAUTION**

A mover whose estimate for your move is far below your other estimates may spell trouble. Damage to goods packed by you is your responsibility and not the mover's unless the mover has been negligent in the care of the boxes packed.

### **THINGS A MOVER WON'T TAKE OR THINGS YOU SHOULD QUESTION PUTTING ON A TRUCK**

- Candles - they might melt into a big mess!
- Gas cans, unless empty and fully aired out, must be left open
- Liquor - somehow it never makes it to the other end
- Firearms - ammunition
- Irreplaceable items: jewelry, heirlooms
- Records: school, medical, tax, prescriptions, employment

*If you do not put these on the truck, how will you get them where you're going? Does your current insurance cover these items in transit? Does your mover's insurance cover these items?*

*Be sure to get a complete, detailed manifest from the moving company when they pack your goods.*  
**READ IT CAREFULLY.**