



Drive or  
Move Things

# Furniture Mover

## Other names for this job

Materials handler, mover, swamper

## What do furniture movers do?

Furniture movers move furniture, office **supplies** and **equipment**. They move things from place to place. For example, from homes, offices and storage buildings.

## Meet a furniture mover

Bill is a furniture mover. He works for a moving company. He usually works with another person.

Here are things that Bill does:

- He asks customers, “What do you want to move?”
- He often packs things for customers. He packs some things in boxes. He wraps some things in paper. He doesn’t want to break anything.
- He takes apart large pieces of furniture. For example, beds and bookshelves. He puts them back together after the move.

- He puts small rugs (runners) on the floors. He doesn’t want to damage the floors.
- He carries boxes, furniture and equipment to the moving van.
- He loads and unloads the moving van. He is very careful. He puts heavy things on the bottom.




**tip**

Do you see some words in **bold**?  
 You can look up these words in the  
 Easy Reading Job Profiles Dictionary.

### What is Bill's work like?

Bill works a lot from May to September. He is less busy in the winter.

Bill stands, lifts and bends a lot at work. He and his **co-worker** go from place to place. Bill sits in the truck while his co-worker drives.

Bill and another mover move heavy furniture together. Some furniture can weigh over 55 kilograms (over 120 pounds). They have to lift carefully. They don't want to hurt themselves.

Bill wears a uniform shirt and a name tag.

### Do you want to be a furniture mover?

- You need to be healthy and strong.
- You must be clean and tidy.
- You have to follow **instructions**.
- You have to like working with customers.
- You have to be good at finding addresses. You have to read maps.
- You have to plan your time well.

### What education do furniture movers need?

Furniture movers learn on the job. They don't need a high school **diploma**.

You can ask your **career advisor** or tutor about working as a furniture mover.

## What can furniture movers do in the future?

Good furniture movers with **experience** may get full-time jobs. They can work for large moving companies. Some furniture movers become truck drivers.

Some furniture movers with experience start their own business.

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### How much does a furniture mover make?

Furniture movers usually make between \$11.00 and \$20.00 per hour.

## Other jobs to think about

**Baggage handlers** work at airports. They load and unload baggage.

**Truck drivers** drive trucks and **tractor-trailers**. They **deliver** things. Some truck drivers drive in their local area. Other truck drivers drive long distances.

## Do you want more information?

You can find the information below at [alis.alberta.ca/occinfo](http://alis.alberta.ca/occinfo). Or, you can ask your career advisor or tutor.

- OCCinfo profile: Furniture Mover
- Video: Truck Driver
- Easy Reading Job Profiles Dictionary

You can also ask your career advisor or tutor about jobs that are like Furniture Mover. 

