

MOVING WITH KIDS CHECKLIST

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Moving takes a lot of careful planning, which becomes even more crucial when you have children in the equation. Simply uprooting your kids and hoping they'll adjust seamlessly in a new setting isn't realistic. To ensure a smooth relocation with your children, it's essential to kick things off by crafting a checklist tailored to moving with kids.

2 MONTHS BEFORE

EXPLORE NEW SCHOOL OPTIONS

As you gear up to relocate your family, exploring suitable school options for your kids is a must. Look for schools that align with your children's current educational setup in terms of curriculum, schedule, costs, and the student community.

HAVE A CHAT WITH YOUR KIDS ABOUT MOVING

Having an open conversation with your children about the move and the reasons behind it is crucial. Even if they might not fully grasp everything, involving them in the discussion empowers them and makes them feel part of the decision-making process.

INVOLVE YOUR KIDS IN PLANNING

While you could make most decisions solo, including your kids in the planning can be rewarding. Children often enjoy assisting with even the simplest tasks. Let them have a say in picking room decorations or offer input on certain choices, like selecting a new school.

CRAFT A FAMILY CHECKLIST

Getting ready to move involves sorting through a lot – deciding what to keep, what to give away, and what to sell - ka-ching! On top of that, you'll need a comprehensive checklist to tick off tasks before the big move. This includes making sure your pets, if any, are up-to-date with vaccinations and their medical records too.

ALERT THE CURRENT SCHOOL ABOUT YOUR KIDS' MOVE

Ideally, waiting until the end of the school year before relocating works well. It's smoother for everyone, particularly the kids, as they can transition into their new grade at the new location.

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1 MONTH BEFORE

GET YOUR FREE & ACCURATE MOVING QUOTE

Moving isn't exactly a budget-friendly endeavor, and when you throw in the mix of moving with kids, the expenses can really add up. However, rest assured that Smart Penny Moving has only the most convenient offers available for you, keeping things cost-effective, without giving up on the high quality of our services.

ENROLL YOUR KIDS IN AN AMAZING SCHOOL

While many public schools accept students from designated residential areas, it's wise to register your kids early. If possible, pay a visit to the potential schools to help your children get familiar with their new surroundings. During the visit, grab any necessary documents needed for the enrollment process.

TRANSFER MEDICAL RECORDS

New schools usually require medical and dental forms, along with up-to-date vaccination records. Make sure you obtain these records from your family doctor before the move. Health insurance is more important than ever. Healthcare costs in the U.S. can be daunting, and finding an affordable option is essential.

SECURE YOUR PLACE ON OUR SCHEDULE

The earlier you book, the cheaper the move will be. Another factor to take into consideration is when you are moving - summer moves are always more pricey. Don't forget, if you have any question or concern about the relocation project we are building together, feel free to express. Being on the same page is essential for a smooth move, with no unexpected occurrences.



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2 WEEKS BEFORE

GET ALL NECESSARY VACCINES AND PRESCRIPTIONS

If you're moving with children abroad, you might need certain vaccines. (If you're also moving with pets, don't forget their medical records and get their vaccines up-to-date.) Additionally, check and renew any required medications for both you and your children.

LOOK INTO PACKING/STORAGE OPTIONS IF NEEDED

Full service companies like Smart Penny Moving provide a wide range of services, all for your wellbeing and peace of mind. If you decide you need professional packing, which adds an extra layer of protection to your belongings, or if you have some stuff you're unsure what to do with, consult with your move coordinator.

CONTACT THE BANK TO UPDATE ACCOUNT

You don't need to switch banks unless your current bank doesn't offer the services in your new city, but you will need to renew your client information.

DOUBLE-CHECK YOUR PACKING SUPPLIES

Unless you have us doing the packing for you, take a moment to ensure you've got enough packing boxes, and if not, consider getting some extras. You can even get some free boxes from us as part of our promotion. Ask your move coordinator about this!

ORGANIZE IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS

Gather all necessary documents for the move and keep them in a separate folder. If possible, have photocopies or digital scans handy for added security.



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GET YOUR ESSENTIALS BEFORE THE MOVE

Prioritize buying items that you'll immediately need during the move or can't easily access at your new location. Everything else can be conveniently purchased online once you've settled in.

HOST A FOND FAREWELL GATHERING

Why not throw a cozy goodbye party for your loved ones? It's a chance for you and your kids to have some quality time with close friends and family before the move.

TAG YOUR BELONGINGS

To simplify the process of unpacking, make sure you label your boxes. This not only helps in organization but also ensures that fragile items receive the extra care they deserve.

CONFIRM DETAILS WITH YOUR MOVING TEAM

Give your movers a ring to confirm their arrival time and try to provide suitable parking for the truck. You can ask your move coordinator about getting a parking permit to ensure a seamless transition between the house and the truck, at the pick-up location as well as at the delivery location.

PLAN MOVING DAY ACTIVITIES

Since moving day can get pretty busy, think of engaging tasks for your kids to keep them occupied amidst the hustle. You could download some interesting games for them online, play them their favorite cartoon on a phone or tablet, or even get a friend or relative to act out as babysitter.



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F.A.Q

How do I prepare my kids for the big move?

Begin by having an open conversation with your children about the upcoming move. Share the reasons behind it and do this ahead of time, allowing them the chance to say their goodbyes to friends and family. To ensure a well-organized transition, put together a to-do list and a moving checklist.

Does relocating often affect my children?

Frequent moves can pose challenges in maintaining lasting friendships. While kids are adaptable, they also thrive in familiarity. For introverted children, the process of relocating can be even more demanding as forming new connections might be tougher.

How do I help my kids settle into the new home?

To help your child adjust to the new surroundings, keep up with routines similar to those in your old home. Involve them in redecorating their new space, cook their favorite meals, and explore the new neighborhood together as much as possible.

How do I help myself settle into the new home?

Transitioning to a new living situation takes time – often a few months. Begin by adding personal touches to your space, staying connected with loved ones, exploring your new community, and gradually getting to know your neighbors. Small steps can make the adjustment smoother.