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Ready to hire a mover? Don't get ripped off! Always get an in-home estimate and hire a licensed, professional mover. A message from this station and the California Moving and Storage Association.

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When you need to hire a mover, don't get ripped off by con artists. Make sure you're dealing with a legitimate, experienced, professional mover, and always get an in-home, in-person estimate. Every California mover must be licensed by the California Public Utilities Commission and carry the proper amount of insurance. For a safe, successful move, do your homework first.

To learn more, visit the c-m-s-a.org -- that's the-c-m-s-a-dot o-r-g. A message from this station and the California Moving and Storage Association.

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Millions of Californians will move this year --but a few will be victims of con artists masquerading as legitimate, professional movers. The best way to protect yourself from a moving scam is to check them out thoroughly in advance. Don't be fooled by an attractive website and the offer of a guaranteed price online. Always get an in-home, in-person estimate, and make sure the company is licensed by the California Public Utilities Commission.

And always look for a mover displaying the bold blue "M" logo that shows they're a ProMover. The California Moving and Storage Association's ProMover certification program takes the guesswork out of who to choose when you're ready to move. The CMSA's screening process helps make sure that when you hire a California ProMover, you won't be ripped off.

To learn more about the California ProMover program, visit the-c-m-s-a-dot-org -- that's the-c-m-s-a-dot o-r-g. A message from this station and the California Moving and Storage Association.