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Moving Guide Kit

Part 4 - Storage

Reasons to Store Furniture

Often there are occasions when you need to store your furniture. There are several reasons for this:-

- Moving house-from large to smaller home
- Moving overseas
- Break up of a relationship
- Temporary move while new house being built

Whatever your reasons, you need to make sure your furniture is being protected and looked after while it is out of your care. There are several things you need to do before consigning your goods to store. This pamphlet should help you decide what to do.

We recommend you use an AFRA member when storing your furniture as they have made commitments to excellence and meet professional standards that will ensure your furniture arrives at its final destination as you would wish. Ask the AFRA Removal Company of your choice about the benefits of their storage facilities before you consider other forms of storage.

Remember

AFRA members have over a century of experience in storage and have the equipment, expertise and facilities required for the specific care of your goods while in storage.

Questions to Ask

How will your goods be stored?

Are you able to make an inspection of the storage location before signing any contracts?

What insurance is available while your goods are in storage?

What systems are in place to cover adequate maintenance of your goods while in storage?

Is there a danger of pest destruction of your goods while in storage?

Types of Storage

Open Stack/Free Standing

Effective for long and short term storage. Each furniture item will be wrapped in a furniture removal blanket, protected with specially designed covers and sectioned off. Your goods will be delivered to store, where they will be unloaded and professionally stacked into their storage area.

Storage Modules

Effective for long term storage. These large wooden boxes are designed to hold household goods undercover within a storage facility and ensure a dust free environment and complete isolation from other items. Usually your goods will be delivered to store, where they will be unloaded and professionally stacked into their own wooden box. In some instances, your goods may be packed into these boxes on site and lifted into position from the truck once in the storage area

Containerised Storage-ISO

Shipping Containers Effective for long term storage. These containers are made of steel and remain dust free and completely sealed for the duration of the storage period. In most instances, your goods will be packed into the container on site and delivered by truck to the storage area. This ensures only single handling of your goods.



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Pest Control & Safety Inspections

All AFRA members are required to ensure their stores are free from pests
All AFRA members' storage facilities have regular plumbing and electrical inspections to ensure complete safety of stored goods.

Storage Suggestion

Refrigerators should be thoroughly cleaned with hot soapy water, a little bleach, and then dried. Wiping the interior with a soft cloth with vanilla essence will ensure the interior is kept fresh
Washing machines and dishwashers should have all water drained from their interiors, including the pipes. The inner and outer bowl of the washing machine should be secured to prevent mechanical derangement
Before storing any mechanical or electrical goods, check with the manufacturer for any specific instructions

Storing Valuables

As silverfish and moths are the greatest risk to clothing, the items should be clean. Sealing in airtight packages reduces the risk of deterioration.
Ensure no inflammable liquids, perishable foodstuffs or other hazardous items have been stored.
Ineligible items for removal and storage are noted on the "Removal Card"
Ensure you have not packed documents you will require before you take delivery of your goods - passports, medical records, tax records, licences etc
Ensure your jewellery is not included in your storage container
Have any carpets and rugs to be kept in storage cleaned, prior to stowing

Warning

Storage of your goods in any facilities other than those specifically designed for the purpose is dangerous due to the risk of fire, theft, pest damage and water/rain damage. With an AFRA member company, you have complete assurance that your goods are safe and in a controlled and secure environment.