

Factory Relocation: Moving Industrial Equipment With Care and Precision

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Description:

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Details:

Relocating a factory is a fundamentally different challenge from a household or office move. Heavy machinery, production-line equipment, and industrial fixtures all require specialised handling — and any downtime translates directly into lost production. At Fragile Removals, our commercial relocation process is built to manage exactly this kind of complexity, with the documentation and discipline that industrial moves demand.

Structured Planning From the Outset

A well-run factory relocation begins with a thorough risk assessment on arrival, including a formal pre-start risk assessment covering the specific job at hand. This isn't a formality — floors, walls, doorways, and access routes are inspected for pre-existing conditions and photographed before anything is touched, so there's a clear record from the very first step.

Documentation at Every Stage

Every item leaving a factory floor gets a detailed condition report and label, tracked as it's loaded. Multiple photographs are taken of each affected area both before the uplift begins and after it's complete, creating a comprehensive record that protects both the business and the moving team. For equipment requiring electrical disconnection or isolation from utilities, this is identified and managed as part of the planning process — not discovered on the day.

Safe Handling of Heavy and Awkward Equipment

Factory equipment is rarely light or easy to manoeuvre. Heavy, awkward, or oversized items are never handled by a single person — team lifting is standard, and available lifting equipment such as trollies, dollies, and specialised straps is used ahead of manual handling wherever possible. This reduces strain on the crew and minimises the risk of damage to equipment that may be difficult or costly to replace.

Protecting the Site as Well as the Equipment

Moving heavy machinery through a facility carries real risk to flooring and structural elements if it's not managed properly. Furniture and equipment are never dragged, pushed, or pulled across floor surfaces — even with protective padding in place — because a single mishandled item can cause damage that's far more expensive to repair than the move itself. Floor protection is installed in traffic areas and working spaces before reinstatement begins at the new site.

Reinstatement and Site Restoration

Once equipment reaches its new location, the process mirrors the same discipline applied during uplift: a site survey, careful placement following proper equipment movement protocols, and photographic documentation of the completed job. This ensures your new facility is operational with everything positioned correctly and nothing left unaccounted for.

Minimising Downtime

For a factory, time offline is measured in lost output. A properly sequenced relocation — with clear documentation, the right equipment, and an experienced crew — is designed to get your production capability back online as quickly and safely as possible, without cutting corners that could cause damage or delay down the line.

Trust the Process

Factory relocations demand a level of planning and care that goes well beyond a standard move. Our AFRA-accredited team brings that structure to every industrial job, so your equipment, your site, and your production timeline are all protected. If you're planning a factory move, talk to us early — the more lead time we have, the smoother the transition.