

Musical Instrument Removals: Protecting Instruments During Your Move

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Understanding Instrument Vulnerabilities

Guitars and string instruments can suffer neck warping or bridge damage from temperature swings and improper positioning. Brass and woodwind instruments have delicate valve and key mechanisms that can be knocked out of alignment. Electronic instruments like keyboards and synthesisers carry the same sensitivities as other electronics, plus often-delicate key mechanisms.

Case Protection Matters

A hard case offers significantly better protection than a soft gig bag during a move — if your instrument only has a soft case, discuss additional protection options with your removalist, particularly for interstate transport.

Temperature and Humidity Sensitivity

Wooden instruments especially — guitars, violins, cellos — are sensitive to rapid temperature and humidity changes, which can cause wood to expand, contract or crack over time. Avoid leaving instruments in hot vehicles for extended periods.

Positioning During Transport

Instruments generally need to travel positioned to avoid pressure on delicate parts — cases shouldn't have heavy items stacked on top, and string instruments in particular benefit from being loaded last and unloaded first to minimise transit time in the truck.

Piano Considerations

Pianos deserve their own specialised handling entirely — their weight, size and internal mechanisms require dedicated equipment and technique well beyond standard furniture moving. If you're moving a piano alongside other instruments, ensure your removalist has genuine piano-moving experience.

Choosing an Experienced Removalist

Ask how your removalist handles specific instrument types you own, what protection measures they use beyond the instrument's own case, and how they manage positioning within the truck to minimise vibration and impact risk.