

Sculpture & Statue Removals: Careful Handling for Unique Pieces

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Assessing Weight and Balance

Unlike furniture, sculptures often have unpredictable weight distribution — a piece that looks stable can be top-heavy or awkwardly balanced. Proper assessment before moving determines the safest lifting points and handling approach for each specific piece.

Material-Specific Handling

Stone and bronze sculptures are generally robust but heavy, requiring appropriate equipment for safe lifting and transport. Ceramic, plaster or mixed-media pieces can be far more fragile despite sometimes appearing solid, and need correspondingly careful handling.

Custom Crating for Irregular Shapes

Standard boxes rarely suit sculptural pieces. Custom crating, built around the specific dimensions and vulnerabilities of each piece, offers far better protection than generic wrapping — particularly for outdoor statues being relocated as part of a garden or property move.

Base and Mounting Considerations

Many sculptures are mounted on bases or plinths that require separate handling or careful detachment before the move. Understanding how a piece is mounted informs the safest approach to moving it without causing damage to either the sculpture or its base.

Outdoor Statue Relocations

Garden statues and outdoor sculptures often require additional equipment for lifting and loading, given their typical weight and outdoor placement. Confirm with your removalist that they have appropriate equipment for outdoor sculptural pieces specifically.

Trusting Experienced Hands

Sculptures and statues, particularly valuable or irreplaceable pieces, deserve a removalist with genuine experience in this specific category. Ask about their approach to assessment, custom crating and handling equipment before booking.