



PACKING AND SHIPPING

Care taken to prepare items for transit is time well spent. As insurers, we continually see the horrific after effects of sloppy and inappropriate packing and the anguish that the loss has produced for the owners.

For any major removal, it is essential to instruct specialist removers who can both pack and deliver.

ASSURE PROPER HANDLING

Most professional shippers offer a choice of packing specifications ranging from a simple protective layer of card, bubble wrap or blankets for larger items, to individually designed crates. This allows the customer to make his choice in accordance with the inherent vulnerability of the item and its value. The handling and supervision of the piece is the next crucial step and it is important to check that the items will be within the custody and control of the removers whenever possible.

CHECKLIST FOR MOVING ART OBJECTS

- When moving a single item a short distance however, it is often more practical to pack and deliver it personally ensuring that it is both safe and secure and never left unattended. As a general guideline, we would suggest the following:
- Always wrap fragile items separately;
- Always use acid free tissue underneath bubble wrap to protect any enamels or restored areas;
- Ensure that wrapped items do not move around in their box/crate by filling any spaces with tissue or polystyrene foam chips;
- Double-box where possible to prevent other sharp objects puncturing the box and damaging fragile surfaces like canvas.