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MOVERS WORKERS' COMPENSATION

(CMSA, Los Alamitos, CA) – “Persons moving in California need to make sure their movers have proper workers’ compensation insurance,” says Steve Weitekamp, President of the California Moving & Storage Association. Properly licensed moving companies with workers’ compensation coverage incur significant costs to insure their employees. This coverage protects not only the mover and their employees but also, just as important, the customer.

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), which regulates moving companies, requires as a condition of licensure that they have on file a copy of that company's Workers' Compensation Insurance Certificate.

Consumers should request to see evidence of workers’ compensation coverage before they engage a moving company. Consumers can be liable for any work-related injury occurring on their property to an employee of an uninsured mover. In this situation they can find themselves with no coverage under their homeowner’s or tenant’s liability policy.

The California Moving and Storage Association (CMSA) strongly recommends verifying that the moving company you are considering is CPUC permitted and has insurance. This will ensure the selection of a reputable moving company that meets the higher standard of protecting their employees and their customers.

Consumers are urged to make an informed choice when selecting a moving/storage company. The Internet has many uninsured “bait and switch” movers preying on consumers. The CMSA urges all consumers to talk to any moving company being considered, request a written estimate and not-to-exceed price, know where the moving company is located, request to see evidence of workers’ compensation insurance, and visit the movers’ place of business to make sure the mover really has a place of business. For more information, call the CMSA consumer hotline at 800-672-1415 or visit the website: www.thecmsa.org.