ICC recommends tips for hiring intrastate household goods movers

With the spring moving season approaching, the Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC) is reminding Illinoisans to look for red flags before handing over their belongings to a potential moving company.

"Before packing up your household, check the ICC website for a company's complaint history, and confirm the mover holds a valid state license. A quick check can help unsuspecting customers from dealing with unexpected fees or scams come moving day," said ICC Chief of Police Ruben Ramirez Jr.

The ICC's Smart Tips when moving within the state include:

• Check to see if the moving company is licensed by the ICC to operate in Illinois.

• Do not rely on mobile apps alone to select and schedule your movers.

• Ask the mover to visit your home. If you can, show them the contents of every room, closet, garage, etc. you want moved, and talk about what they can expect at the new home.

• Request a written estimate. The quote is not binding, but it will give you a reasonable expectation of what you'll be required to pay on moving day.

• Discuss your options for loss and damage protection. Get it in writing.

• Be prepared to pay 110 percent of the written estimate on moving day. A mover cannot hold your goods if you pay the written estimate, plus an additional 10 percent.

• If a mover offers 'freebies' (cartons, tape, etc.) ask questions up front to avoid surprises later.

• Start your search at least six weeks ahead of your move.

Read the ICC's complete list of recommendations for hiring a household goods mover.

"A move should be an exciting new chapter—not a risk. Unlicensed movers often lack the insurance and oversight needed to protect customers, which can lead to serious problems. That's why the Illinois Movers' and Warehousemen's Association (IMAWA) stands behind more than 200 licensed, dependable movers across the state," said IMAWA Executive Director Matt Hart.

"Finding the right mover is essential. Make sure you do your research for quality businesses you can trust. A great resource is BBB.org to check mover ratings and reviews," said Better Business Bureau CEO Steve Bernas.

Throughout the year, ICC police officers conduct patrols and issue administrative citations for violations ranging from operating without a household goods license to driving on a suspended license. ICC police will be increasing patrols across the state in the coming weeks to ensure intrastate movers comply with Illinois' rules and regulations.

Intrastate moving companies in Illinois must be licensed with the ICC. Consumers can visit the ICC website or call 217-782-6448 to see if a mover is properly licensed or to view any complaints against a company.

Residents moving to another state can check licensing and complaint history with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's Protect Your Move.

Consumers can file a complaint against an intrastate household goods mover here.

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Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must f ill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can f igure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

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EVIDENCE
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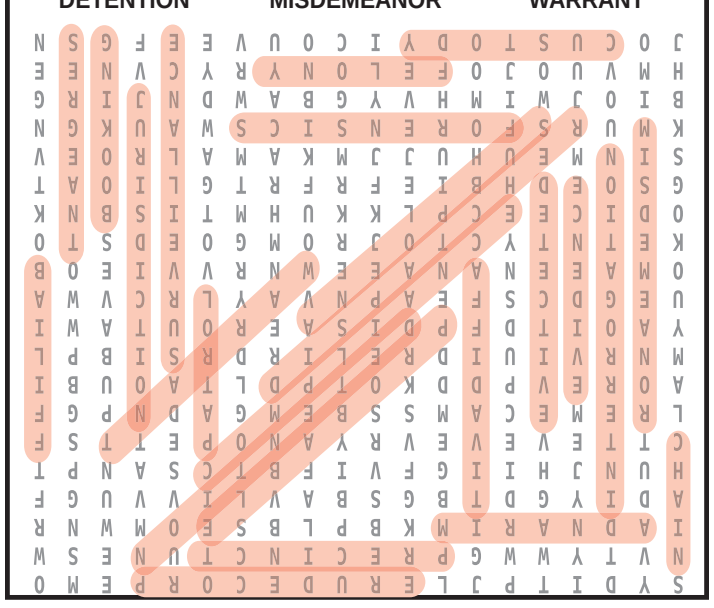

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