Moving Scams in Los Angeles on the Rise



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Los Angeles, February 25, 2010 – Not everyone moving to Los Angeles is very excited about it, because many people moving to LA have been victimized by the fraudulent LA moving companies. In the recent months, there have been several reports of cases related to moving scams in Los Angeles, which is cause of serious concern for people moving to the City of Angels.



The low cost of entry into the moving business and lack of proper regulation to control the activity of movers are the reasons behind the rise in moving scams in Los Angeles. Since 1995, the industry is operating in the absence of any proper regulation, which has provided scammers almost a free rein. The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) is responsible for the interstate movers, but it is severely understaffed which has left them with no resources to focus on individual cases. This has led to tripling of moving scam cases in the last one decade.

The slowdown-stricken online deal hunters are the prime target for the moving scammers. The scammers begin in a very friendly manner and offer the most affordable and even unrealistic price. They do everything in their capacity to convince a customer about the quality of their services and responsiveness of their support teams, and once the customer's goods are loaded on to the truck this façade melts down showing the real behind-the-scene story. By then, it is too late for the customer.

"Every day we get calls from people in panic because the moving services they hired literally dropped them, as customers, just days before their planned move date", said Richard Brooks, Director of LA Pro Movers. "Quite often, we also hear the horror stories of bait and switch pricing where the moving service refuses to unload their customer's belongings from the moving truck until a hiked up additional fee is paid to the moving company. This practice is all too common."

He offered insight into an unethical practice of hiking the price after the goods are loaded on the truck. There have been many complaints from victims who said that they were arm-twisted to pay three or even four times of the charges initially quoted by the fraudulent <u>Los Angeles</u> <u>movers</u> they hired. Mr. Brooks told us about the Zero shenanigan policy that LA Pro Movers practices, which means no hidden charges, no spiked prices, or holding goods hostage for overpayment.

During our discussion, Richard Brooks of LA Pro Movers emphasized on the role ethics and proper care of employees play in maintaining the quality of services. He also talked about how the company has been surpassing the set standard of excellence and efficiency in the moving industry and how directly the attitude and experience of the employees of a Los Angeles moving company are related to the output the company produces. About LA PRO MOVERS LA Pro Movers is an "American owned and operated" moving company located out of Los Angeles. It is known for its superior customer service and employee care. It has a well-qualified crew of experienced movers trained to handle customers' goods with care. LA Pro Movers works on a no-subcontract policy and practices zero shenanigan. The company offers one month free storage to its customers in the company-owned fully-secured state-of-the-art storage facility.

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