



The First Step After College: Leaving Campus

(NAPSA)—New college graduates may have the whole world at their feet, but first they have to get their feet—and everything else—out of the dorm and into their old home or new place.

To help make that transition a little smoother, the experts on moving at Penske Truck Rental offer 10 tips:

1. Plan ahead. Determine how long it'll take you to get to your destination—and then add in extra time for the unexpected. Take into account the time of day, likely traffic patterns and stops.

2. Reserve a moving truck in advance. For most students, a 12- or 16-foot truck is right for the job. Just remember, you're not the only one moving out. Try to reserve the truck and any accessories—boxes, packing tape, bubble packing material, moving blankets, hand trucks and so on—at least two weeks before you plan on leaving.

3. Try it before you drive it. Before you load up and drive away, familiarize yourself with the truck's switches and gauges. Adjust the seat and side mirrors so they match your height and comfort zone. Remember, it's likely to be taller, wider and heavier than the vehicle you're used to driving. That means you may have to drive more slowly and carefully, particularly on turns. Also, be aware that trucks have oversized blind spots. Know where these are.

4. Make sure you understand the rental agreement. Most include language from the U.S. Department of Transportation that prohibits the "carrying or hauling of explosives and other dangerous articles." That means you can't pack paint, chemicals and cleaning materials, flammable solvents, propane, gasoline and the like.

5. Be prepared for emergencies. First, you should know that most insur-



There are a few things you should keep in mind when it's time to pack up and move out of college and into the world.

ance and credit card companies won't cover truck rentals. You may want to sign up for additional coverage options to protect yourself and your belongings. Next, if you run into a problem, remember that you can call Penske for 24/7 roadside assistance.

6. Pack the back properly. Load the heaviest items on the truck first. Always bend your knees and lift with your legs, never your back.

7. Don't pack everything. Things you may need to grab in a hurry—paperwork, credit cards, identification, a change of clothes, drinks and snacks—should be kept close at hand in a travel bag with you in the cab.

8. Share. See if someone you know is going your way. Sharing the ride can help you save money, time and effort.

9. Look for discounts. For example, Penske Truck Rental is the exclusive truck rental partner of AAA and offers a discount to all AAA members.

10. Park thoughtfully. Park the truck in well-lit areas only and keep a padlock on the rear door.

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