

Redfin Cites Direct Relocation Services as Expert Source on Moving Specialty Items

Fort Lauderdale licensed direct carrier cited by Redfin on crating and protecting high-value belongings during interstate moves.

FT LAUDERDALE, FL, UNITED STATES, August 14, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- [Direct Relocation Services](#), a [licensed direct interstate carrier](#) headquartered in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, was cited as an expert source in a Redfin guide published August 13, 2026, addressing how households should prepare to relocate specialty items.

The article examines belongings that fall outside standard household goods — inherited antiques, original artwork, pianos, vintage arcade cabinets, and collections assembled over decades.

Redfin sought commentary from moving companies with direct field experience handling those objects. Justin Perez, Co-Founder of Direct Relocation Services, was quoted on the preparation and handling practices that determine whether an irreplaceable item survives an interstate move intact.

What Customers Underestimate About Specialty Items

Perez told Redfin that the items households most frequently underestimate are not the heaviest or the largest — they are the ones carrying sentimental weight. Unlike furniture, those items cannot be replaced if they are damaged in transit. A dining table has a replacement cost. A grandmother's piano does not.

Direct Relocation Services reports that the most common failure point on specialty shipments is timing. Households tend to identify their specialty items in the final week before a move, at which point crating materials and specialized handling can no longer be arranged without cost and schedule consequences. Items flagged at the estimate stage cost significantly less to protect



Direct Relocation Services crates a specialty item for interstate transport after being cited as an expert source by Redfin



Standard moving blankets are not enough for anything fragile or irreplaceable. Crate it, photograph it, and ask if your mover is a licensed direct carrier.”

Justin Perez, Founder, Direct Relocation Services

than items discovered on loading day.

Four Practices Direct Relocation Services Applies to Specialty Shipments

Practice one — Crate, do not blanket-wrap. Standard moving blankets are designed for furniture with hard surfaces and replaceable value. Anything fragile, irreplaceable, or structurally delicate requires custom crating built to the dimensions of the item.

Practice two — Photograph before loading. Every specialty item should be documented photographically before it goes on the truck. This establishes condition at origin and is the single most useful piece of evidence in any claim.

Practice three — Match the crew to the item. Pianos, large-format artwork, and oversized cabinetry require crew members with prior experience on that specific item type, not whoever is available.

Practice four — Ask whether the mover is a licensed direct carrier. This question determines who physically handles the item. A broker sells the booked job to a third-party carrier the customer never spoke with and never vetted.

Why the Carrier Distinction Matters Most on Specialty Items

Direct Relocation Services is a licensed direct CARRIER — not a broker — operating under USDOT #3000931 with Broker Authority: NONE. On a specialty shipment, that distinction carries more weight than on any other type of move.

When a broker handles a relocation, the customer's belongings are sold to the cheapest available third-party carrier. On a specialty item, that means a piano or a piece of original art is loaded by a crew that never quoted the job, never walked the house, and has no relationship with the customer or accountability for the outcome. When Direct Relocation Services handles a move, the same company that answers the phone is the company that shows up at the door, loads the truck, and delivers every item.

About the Feature

The Redfin guide addresses specialty item relocation for households moving across town or across the country. Direct Relocation Services has published its portion of the feature as a consumer resource at directrelocationservices.com/moving-with-specialty-items/.

About Direct Relocation Services

Direct Relocation Services is a licensed direct interstate carrier operating under USDOT #3000931 and MC #24036, headquartered at 4901 NW 17th Way Suite 605, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33309. Founded in 2015 by Justin Perez and Diego Asorey, the company has over 11 years of experience handling long distance relocations from Florida and Georgia to all 48 contiguous states. Direct Relocation Services is BBB A-Rated and Accredited with verified reviews across nine independent platforms including Google, Trustpilot, BBB, Angi, MoveAdvisor, MyMovingJourney, MyGoodMovers, Verified Movers, and ConsumerAffairs. Proud partner of Move For Hunger. For more information visit directrelocationservices.com or call 855.378.3110.

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