

Insider's guide to loading a moving truck

Before loading, have padding, suitable rated restraints, filling materials and a trolley ready. Check the truck's payload, axle limits and loading instructions. Do not use bungee cords as load restraints.

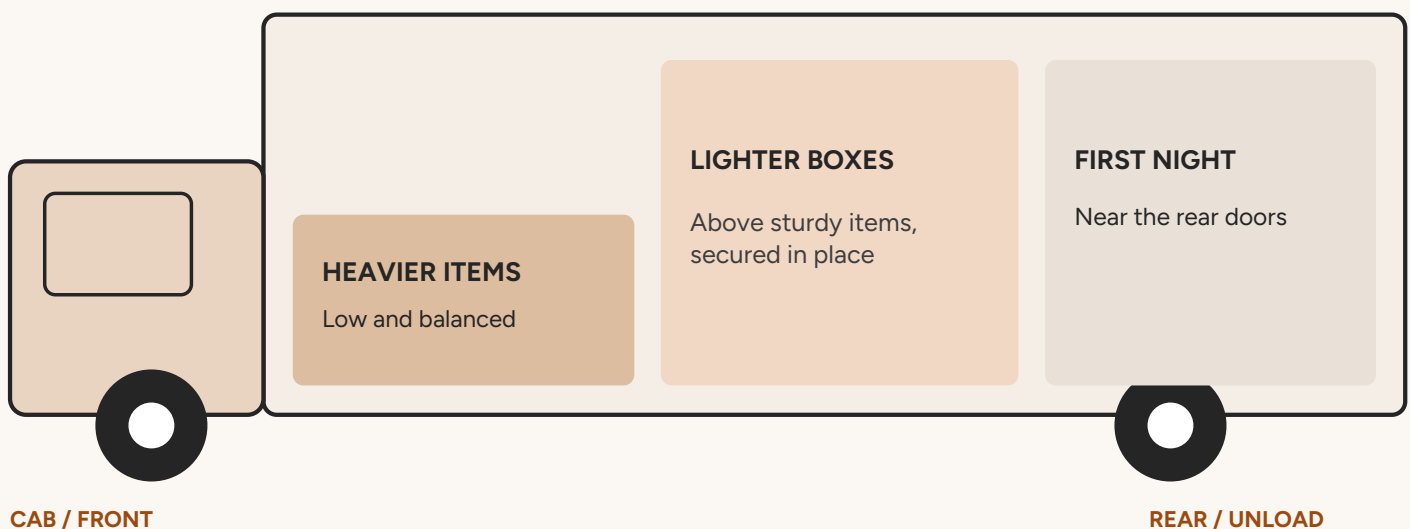


Illustration only. Follow the hire company's loading plan and weight limits.

01 Keep heavy items low

Place heavy appliances and furniture low, with weight spread to meet the truck's axle limits. Do not simply put all weight at the front.

03 Protect fragile goods

Wrap electronics and antiques. Use an over-cab "Mum's attic" only within its load rating, with suitable padding and restraints.

05 Lighter boxes on top

Put lighter cartons above stronger items only where supported. Protect furniture and appliances, and keep the load's centre of gravity low.

02 Keep essentials accessible

Load first-night boxes near the rear doors so they come off first. Include toiletries, tools and spare clothes.

04 Secure each tier

Build stable tiers and use suitable restraints attached to rated tie-down points. Fill gaps to help prevent shifting; packing alone is not restraint.

06 Label and check off

Label and number boxes. Check them off as you load, secure the final tier and check the load before leaving and during the journey.