



MOVING WITH YOUNG CHILDREN: A Parent's Guide

Moving to a new home is an exciting milestone, but for young children it can feel overwhelming and emotional. Change—especially one that affects their home, school, and routines, can bring uncertainty.

This guide is designed to help parents navigate the moving process with confidence, while supporting their child emotionally, and turn a big transition into a positive, memorable experience!

TALKING TO KIDS ABOUT THE MOVE

Start Early and Keep It Age-Appropriate

Children often sense change before they fully understand it. Talking openly about the move early—and revisiting the conversation often—helps reduce anxiety and builds trust.

When deciding how to talk to your child, consider:

- Their age and developmental stage
- Their personality and emotional needs
- How much detail feels reassuring versus overwhelming

Use calm, confident language and remind them that while the house may change, your family and routines will remain.

Explain What to Expect

Children feel safer when they know what's coming. Walk them through the basics of the moving process:

- Packing and preparing your current home
- Looking at new houses
- Moving day
- Settling into the new home

Clear expectations help the unknown feel manageable.



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WELCOME HOME

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Use Stories to Build Excitement

Books are powerful tools for helping children process change. Reading *The House Hunt* book and completing the activity book together allows children to:

- See their emotions reflected through characters
- Understand the moving process in a fun, relatable way
- Begin feeling excited about their own home journey

Sharing this story together creates space for conversation, reassurance, and connection.

INCLUDING KIDS IN THE HOME-BUYING JOURNEY

Give Them a Voice

Involving children doesn't mean giving them control—it means helping them feel included. Ask thoughtful questions like:

- “What would you love your new house to have?”
- “What are you most excited about?”
- “What kind of room would you like?”
- “Where do you hope we live or go to school?”

Feeling heard helps children feel secure during change.



Let Them See the Process

Whenever possible, show kids the homes you're considering through photos, videos, or in person. If appropriate, bringing children to showings can be a meaningful experience—one many will remember for a lifetime.

Seeing homes firsthand helps kids visualize their future and feel connected to the process.

Turn Moving Into an Experience

Moving can be stressful, but it can also be an adventure. When children are included, they feel like participants rather than bystanders, which can significantly reduce fear and resistance.



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OPEN COMMUNICATION IS KEY

Check In Often

Moving is one of the biggest transitions a child can experience. Even positive moves can bring sadness, worry, or grief.

Create regular opportunities to ask:

- “How are you feeling about the move?”
- “Is anything worrying you?”
- “What feels exciting right now?”

Listen without rushing to fix their feelings. Being heard matters.



Normalize Their Emotions

Let children know it’s okay to feel nervous, sad, or unsure—and that those feelings don’t mean the move is a bad thing. Reassurance and validation build emotional resilience.

Keep the Conversation Going

Support doesn’t end once the boxes are unpacked.

Continue checking in as your child adjusts to:

- A new home
- A new school
- New routines

Open communication helps children feel safe, supported, and confident through every stage of the transition.

A FINAL NOTE

Moving with children is about more than logistics—it’s about guiding your family through change with intention and care. By communicating openly, involving your kids, and giving them tools to understand the journey, you’re helping create a smoother transition and lasting positive memories.

With the right support, moving can become a shared family experience—one filled with excitement, connection, and growth.



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