

Large furniture that will not fit through a doorway or around a tight stairwell turn causes some of the most frustrating delays on moving day. **DMV Movers** recommend a simple measuring process before the crew arrives, helping identify problem items in advance rather than discovering the issue while furniture is already stuck in a hallway.

Measuring Doorway Width and Height

Measure the width of each doorway the furniture will need to pass through, from the old home to the new one, including any narrow spots like closet or bathroom door frames if items are stored there. A DMV Moving Company also recommends measuring doorway height, particularly for tall furniture pieces like armoires or bookshelves that might clear width requirements but still be too tall for a standard door frame.

Compare these measurements against the widest dimension of each large furniture piece, including depth as well as width, since some items may need to pass through diagonally rather than straight on.

Measuring Stairwell Turns and Landings

Stairwells with tight turns or small landings present a different challenge than straight hallways, since furniture often needs to pivot at an angle to clear the turn. Movers in DMV recommend measuring the diagonal space available at each landing, not just the width of the stairs themselves, to determine whether a large piece will clear the turn without disassembly.



Professional Support for Tight Spaces

Bulldog Movers in Rockville MD offers [local moving](#) service with crews experienced in navigating tight doorways and stairwells, bringing tools for disassembly when needed. For furniture identified as a tight fit ahead of time, the [packing services](#) team can prepare protective wrapping in advance to prevent scuffing during a tight [affordable movers in DMV](#) maneuver.

What to Do When an Item Will Not Fit

If measurements show a piece will not clear a doorway or stairwell turn, plan for disassembly ahead of time rather than attempting to force it through on moving day. A DMV Moving Company can advise which pieces typically require this step, such as bed frames, large sectionals, or wide dressers with attached mirrors.

- Measure doorway width and height at both the old and new address
- Check diagonal space at stairwell landings for tight turns
- Compare measurements against each large furniture piece's dimensions
- Plan disassembly in advance for items that will not fit as is

Preventing Delays Before They Happen

A few minutes spent measuring doorways and stairwells before moving day can prevent a frustrating standstill with furniture stuck partway through a hallway. This small step helps a DMV Moving Company plan the right approach from the start rather than problem-solving under time pressure.

Bulldog Movers DMV helps clients plan ahead for tight spaces [DMV movers](#) before every move. Visit [Bulldog Movers](#) to prepare for a smooth move-in.