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Suggestions for Moving in More Safely

5. Use handles to make moving easier.

6. Think through the path the load will travel. Could the path be shorter?

Perform the lift.

a] Get a secure grip.
b] Use both hands when possible.
c] Avoid jerking by using smooth, even motions.
d] Keep the load as close to the body as possible.
e] To the extent feasible use your legs to push up and lift the load, not the upper body or back.
f] Do not twist your body. Step to one side or the other to turn.
g] Alternate heavy lifting or forceful exertion tasks with less demanding tasks.