# 10 Mistakes to Avoid When Moving a Vending Machine

**1. Laying it on its back.** Refrigerated units must stay upright. Tilting pushes compressor oil into the cooling lines.

**2. Plugging it in right away.** If it was tilted, let it stand upright at least as long as it was down. A full day is safest.

**3. Skipping the measurements.** Measure the machine and every door, hall, turn and elevator at both ends. Most need a 36-inch door.

**4. Using the wrong dolly.** Use a vending or appliance dolly rated well above the machine's weight, with straps.

**5. Moving it alone.** Plan on at least two trained people, and three for stairs.

**6. Leaving product and cash inside.** Empty product, coins, the bill stacker and coin tubes before move day.

**7. Forgetting loose parts.** Tape or remove shelves, spirals and trays. Bag and tag cords and keys.

**8. Using a pickup truck.** Machines are too tall and top-heavy. Use a liftgate box truck with E-track.

**9. Strapping across the glass.** Pad the front and strap at two heights with blankets between strap and cabinet.

**10. No photos before pickup.** Photograph every side and the serial plate as your condition record.

## A vending machine is heavier than it looks

A full-size snack or drink machine weighs about **600 to 900 pounds**, stands over six feet tall and carries most of its weight up high. That makes it easy to tip and expensive to damage. Most damage happens at the pinch points: steps, curbs, doorways and the truck ramp, not on the highway.

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# Get Your Machine Ready: Checklist

- [ ] Empty all product and cash; remove coin tubes and the bill stacker
- [ ] Unplug refrigerated units 12 to 24 hours before pickup so they defrost
- [ ] Empty and dry the condensate pan
- [ ] Secure shelves, spirals, trays and anything loose inside
- [ ] Lock the doors and keep the keys with you or hand them to the driver
- [ ] Disconnect card readers, telemetry and any water lines
- [ ] Photograph the machine from all sides, plus the serial plate
- [ ] Measure doorways, hallways, stairs and elevators at both locations
- [ ] Reserve freight elevators and loading docks; confirm building move hours
- [ ] Ask the building if it needs an insurance certificate (COI)
- [ ] After delivery, level the machine and wait before powering a refrigerated unit
- [ ] Test the bill validator, coin mech, cooling and every selection

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