

## **Mover/Driver**

About Shelter Movers:	Shelter Movers provides moving and storage services at no cost to women and children fleeing abuse. We are the only organization of our kind in Canada, and our volunteers are no less exceptional. Every year, in collaboration with community partners, our volunteer teams contribute over 15,000 hours to support people transitioning to lives free of violence and abuse.  We at Shelter Movers continue to operate and provide our unique moving and storage
	services at this time. We have implemented stringent measures in place to protect our volunteers, partners, and clients. While we all do our part to slow the spread of COVID-19 and stay home, we must remember that home isn't a safe place for many. Those experiencing abuse may have to spend more time with their abuser in an unsafe, confined space as well as potentially losing their job and the financial independence that comes with it. There have been published articles that highlight mandatory social distancing measures that place individuals experiencing abuse at a greater risk than pre-pandemic.
Position Summary:	Movers and Drivers are core to the organization by assisting on each move. In a group of 2-7 movers, volunteers will load/unload the client's belongings into a vehicle and transport the client to the predetermined location. Vehicles are provided for the move, and movers who have a valid driver's license are welcome to register as drivers.  This is a great opportunity for someone who wants to make a big impact in a small amount of time. Each move varies from 3-5 hours. With our flexible volunteering model, you can sign up to volunteer on moves as per your availability.
Responsibilities	<ul> <li>Meet other movers at the arranged time and place</li> <li>Work under the direction of a volunteer Lead Mover and Move Coordinator, and maintain communication with the Lead Mover and all other movers during move</li> <li>Move client's belongings in and out of vehicles, and transport client's personal belongings to a predetermined location (client's children may accompany some of the moves) - vehicles are provided</li> <li>Liaise with the volunteer team, private security, and/or law enforcement</li> <li>Continuously conduct risk assessments throughout a move</li> <li>Maintain client confidentiality and provide trauma-informed care to all clients</li> <li>Uphold Shelter Movers' protocols and procedures</li> <li>Work with private security and law enforcement (led by Lead Mover) when necessary</li> </ul>
Time commitment:	Flexible scheduling. Time commitment is based on a per-move basis, with each move taking approximately 3-4 hours. Volunteers can work around their schedule and sign up for moves based on their availability.  A minimum of 1-2 moves a month, or 4-8 hours per month, is encouraged. This is an unpaid volunteer position.



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Essential skills	- Passion for Shelter Movers' mission of supporting women and children fleeing violence
& knowledge:	and abuse  - Tact, discretion, high maturity level and good judgement  - Ability to protect client confidentiality and provide trauma-informed care to clients  - Awareness of appropriate boundaries, compassion fatigue, and self-care  - Experience working with individuals from diverse backgrounds  - No previous education is required  - A long-term interest in the Violence Against Women (VAW) sector an asset  - Ability to speak additional languages an asset
	As a mover, no drivers license is required. Movers who have a valid driver's license are welcome to register as drivers. If you are interested in being a driver, you will be asked to provide a scanned copy of your driver's license. Shelter Movers primarily operates through car-share vehicles and trucks.
Other requirements:	Shelter Movers volunteers must be at least 18 years of age, complete an interview process, sign a confidentiality agreement, complete and pass a police reference check, and attend a Trauma-Informed Care Orientation session.
As a Mover at Shelter Movers:	<ul> <li>You'll have the opportunity to make a positive impact helping women and families transition away from violence and abuse.</li> <li>You'll gain hands-on experience on the front lines of our organization, providing moving and storage services for our clients.</li> <li>You'll receive training in preparation for your role and have access to ongoing training opportunities.</li> <li>You'll work with a great team of passionate volunteers and supporters.</li> <li>After 3 months of satisfactory service a confirmation of volunteering can be provided.</li> <li>After 6 months, we'd be happy to provide a personalized reference letter.</li> </ul>
How to Apply:	If interested, please send a brief description outlining your interest as well as your resume volunteer volunteervan@sheltermovers.com

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