

## PIANO CARE: MOVING YOUR PIANO

Our consultants are often advised “my piano is big, heavy and very solid”. However behind the veneer and glossy surfaces is a precision built instrument with thousands of moving components.

The heaviest single part of a piano is the cast iron frame. In an upright piano the weight is at the back so, any imbalance towards the back of the piano could cause it to fall. Depending on the make and type of piano, as a rough guide your piano may weigh:

Small Upright	i.e. 112cm tall	180 kgs
Large Upright	i.e. 131cm tall	215 kgs
Pianola or Player Upright		260 kgs
Baby Grand	Approx 4-5 feet long	240 kgs
Concert Grand	Approx 9 feet long	400-500 kgs

If your piano has ‘castors’ whilst these may assist in adjusting the piano’s position over very small distances they are generally unsuitable for transfers between rooms in your home or from external spaces such as garages or bungalows to inside your home.

By engaging a reputable **PIANO RELOCATION** company you will avoid irreparable damage to:

- Your piano
- Flooring or other property
- Injuries to friends or family

### **PRE REMOVAL CHECKLIST**

- Remove photographs or ornaments that may be placed on top of your piano
- If you are moving a Pianola or Player piano, the rolls should be packed into cartons
- Leave your driveway clear of vehicles
- Remove obstructions from your front door such as pot plants or pet kennels
- Restrain pets especially dogs



### **PIANO PLACEMENT**

Avoid direct sunlight on your piano. Over time light will fade the finish. Be careful of placing a Grand Piano in a bay window. The side facing the natural light will fade and to re-colour the piano is expensive.

**Position your piano away from open fires, heaters or central heating or cooling ducts**. Extreme variations in temperature and humidity will impact on the instruments acoustics. Heating systems remove air of its moisture which causes shrinkage in the wood components, felts and leather parts of your pianos action and importantly the sound board.

**Be mindful of doors that may open onto the pianos surface** or possible high traffic areas where people are constantly brushing past the instrument.

**Floor surfaces** such as carpet & other soft furnishings will soften the tone. Hard surfaces such as floorboards or tiles will brighten the tone.