

Damage to Pool Table Leveling Increases Reinstallation Costs by 40% – Why Specialist Movers Save You More Than You Think



Melbourne, Victoria Jun 19, 2025 ([Issuewire.com](https://www.issuewire.com)) - New industry insights reveal that incorrect handling during pool table relocations can inflate reinstallation costs by up to 40%, primarily due to damage to the leveling system—a critical component in maintaining the play quality of a pool table. This emerging trend has prompted [professional pool table removalists](#) Australia-wide to emphasise the growing need for specialist handling over general removal services.

Pool tables are not just furniture—they are precision equipment. And according to relocation experts, most post-move issues stem from mishandling, DIY disassembly, or using general movers unfamiliar with their structure.

The Hidden Cost of a Poorly Handled Move

Industry professionals estimate that up to 3 in 5 pool tables moved without expert assistance experience misalignment in leveling, frame warping, or slate cracking. While these damages may seem minor at first, they significantly affect the table's balance, leading to gameplay issues and costly repairs.

“Once the slate shifts or the legs are uneven, you’re looking at not just a re-level, but often a complete reinstallation,” said a senior logistics coordinator at a leading Australian removals company. “We’ve seen reinstallation quotes skyrocket—from \$250 to over \$600—just due to improper initial handling.”

Reinstallation Isn't Just Screwing It Back Together

Many homeowners mistakenly assume reinstallation is simple. However, re-leveling a pool table involves:

- Precision use of a spirit level and shimming tools
- Slate realignment down to the millimetre

- Refastening bolts and joints to prevent long-term sagging
- Refelting the surface without wrinkles or air pockets

The moment these steps are disrupted—especially the leveling—the labor required to undo the damage multiplies, often requiring a full day's work from technicians.

"People don't realise how finely tuned these tables are," explained a veteran installer. "One uneven leg can alter the entire table dynamics. The slate alone weighs over 200kg and must be balanced perfectly across the frame."

General Movers vs Pool Table Removalists Australia

Here's where specialist pool table removalists in Australia stand out. Unlike standard removalists, they bring:

- Custom moving equipment (dollies, lifts, padded trolleys)
- Disassembly know-how, especially for 2- and 3-piece slate tables
- Climate-aware packaging for sensitive wood and felt
- Full liability coverage for damage and misalignment
- Trained professionals with years of hands-on experience

In contrast, general movers, while skilled with furniture, often lack the tools or training for technical dismantling and reassembly.

Case Study: Why One Homeowner Paid Twice

A homeowner from suburban Sydney reported hiring general movers for a billiards table relocation within the same city. The result?

- The table's frame twisted during the move
- The felt stretched during a rushed refit
- The slate cracked slightly at the corner

Although the initial move cost just \$250, the repair and professional reinstallation cost an additional \$780. That's over triple the original amount—a lesson many learn only in hindsight.

Increasing Trend in DIY Mistakes

The rise of online tutorials and moving hacks has led to an increase in DIY disassemblies, especially during local moves. However, experts warn that even a well-meaning DIY effort can result in:

- Stripped bolts
- Warped leg brackets
- Damaged frame joints
- Irreversible felt tears

"It's not just a heavy table. It's a calibrated system. Treating it like a couch or cabinet is a very costly mistake," said a technical field supervisor from a Queensland-based moving firm.

The Real Value of Hiring Specialists

Beyond the initial price tag, specialist pool table removalists Australia-wide offer bundled value through:

- Insurance protection for both slate and frame
- Faster reinstallation with guaranteed leveling
- Extended table lifespan through proper care
- Peace of mind for high-end and antique tables

An operations manager at a national moving agency summarised it best:

"When you factor in the risk of damage, repair delays, reinstallation time, and the table's long-term integrity—specialist movers don't cost more. They actually save you money."

Why This Matters More Than Ever

Australia has seen a surge in home recreation investments since 2020, with pool tables making a comeback in home entertainment. With that, the volume of pool table relocations has also grown—especially in urban centres like Melbourne, Brisbane, and Sydney.

This means more homeowners are now facing decisions on whether to cut corners or call in experts. The data is clear: mishandling costs more than prevention.

Tips for Homeowners Planning a Move

To avoid unnecessary reinstallation costs, homeowners should:

- Book professional pool table removalists well in advance
- Ask for certified technicians or trained dismantling crews
- Ensure the company provides transit and damage insurance
- Avoid DIY disassembly unless formally trained
- Request post-move leveling and felting in the service scope

Pool tables are not all created equal—but all of them require careful, calibrated handling during a move. Whether you're relocating down the street or across the state, it's no longer just about “getting it there”—it's about getting it there right.

As the moving industry becomes more specialised, POOL TABLE REMOVALISTS in Australia are increasingly seen not as a luxury, but as a necessary investment—one that saves homeowners from unexpected, preventable costs.

About Big Stuff Movers

[Big Stuff Movers](#) is an Australian-based removalist company known for its expertise in transporting heavy, delicate, and valuable items including pool tables, pianos, and large furniture. With a commitment to safety, precision, and customer satisfaction, the company offers end-to-end moving solutions tailored to homeowners and businesses alike.

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