

5 Ways to protect your photos when you move.



*A simple guide
to keeping your
family
photographs
and memories
safe through
every move.*



*Especially helpful for
Defence families who
know that sometimes
our memories move
house just as often as
we do.*

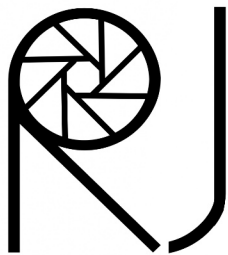


Photo Management

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Bringing order to a world of photos.*

1. Keep your photographs close



Your family photographs deserve to be treated like important documents.

If possible, transport your photographs and albums with you rather than placing them in moving containers or long-term storage.

Many family photographs are the only copies that exist. If they're lost or damaged during a move, the memories they hold can be difficult—or impossible—to replace.

A small amount of extra care now can make all the difference later.

- ✓ ***Keep your most treasured photographs in your own vehicle.***
- ✓ ***Pack photographs in sturdy, clearly labelled boxes.***
- ✓ ***Avoid leaving photographs in hot cars, sheds or storage containers for long periods.***
- ✓ ***Set aside particularly special photographs so you always know where they are.***

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Treat your photographs the way you would treat your important documents, because they're just as irreplaceable.



For Defence families:

Frequent relocations often mean our photographs spend years packed away between postings. Keeping your most treasured memories close can give you peace of mind through every move.

2. Pack them with care



How you pack your photographs can make all the difference.

A little extra care and the right packing materials can help protect your photographs from bending, scratching, moisture and accidental damage during the move. Take your time, use quality materials and pack your memories as carefully as you would your most valuable keepsakes.



Use sturdy boxes
Choose strong boxes that won't crush or collapse during the move.



Keep photos flat and upright
Store loose photos and prints flat.
Store albums upright to help prevent distortion and damage.



Use protective materials
Acid-free tissue paper, photo sleeves or archival boxes can provide an extra layer of protection.



Keep dry
Avoid plastic bags and keep photographs away from moisture and damp conditions.



Label clearly
Mark boxes as "Photos – This Side Up" to help movers (and future you!) handle them with care.



For Defence families

Our photographs travel many kilometres and often take longer to unpack. Packing them carefully helps ensure they arrive at your next home in the same condition they left.

A few extra minutes now can help protect irreplaceable memories that can never be replaced.

3. Protect Them From Heat & Moisture



Photographs are sensitive to their environment.

Extreme heat, humidity and damp conditions can cause permanent damage over time. Garages, sheds and storage containers may seem convenient, but they can quickly become too hot or too damp for photographs to survive.

Whenever possible, keep your photographs in a cool, dry and stable place.



Fading
Colours become dull and details are lost forever.



Mould & Mildew
Damp conditions can cause mould, stains and unpleasant odours.



Warping & Curled Photos
Heat and moisture can cause photographs to buckle, curl and stick together.



Dust & Dirt
Dust, pests and dirt can damage photographs and albums.



Brittle & Fragile
Albums and papers can become brittle and may tear or break.



A safe environment today helps ensure your memories are still here for tomorrow.



For Defence Families

Our postings often mean our photographs spend time in storage. A little extra care now can help protect memories that have travelled with us from posting to posting.

4. Set Aside Your Most Treasured Photographs



When life is busy and you're preparing for a move, it's easy to pack everything together.

Take a little time to choose the photographs that matter most to you.

Keeping these special memories together and separate from the rest means you'll always know exactly where they are.

These are the photographs you'll want close at hand—through every move, every milestone, and every new chapter of your story.

Your most treasured photographs might include:



Life Milestones

Wedding photos, baby photos, anniversaries and special celebrations.



Family History

Generations of family, ancestor photographs and important heritage images.



Military & Service

Deployment photos, ceremonies, shipmates and service memories.



Loved Ones

Photographs of those who are no longer with us.



Everyday Moments

The little moments that tell your family's story.



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When you move often, having a small collection of your most important photographs set aside means the memories that matter most are always easy to find—no matter where you're posted.

5. Create a digital backup



A digital copy adds an important layer of protection.

Digitising your photographs doesn't replace the originals. It simply gives them another layer of protection.

A digital backup makes it easier to share, enjoy and safeguard your memories from unexpected events such as loss, damage, fire or flood.



Safeguard

Protect your memories from loss, damage, fire or flood.



Share

Easily share photographs and memories with family, no matter where they live.



Enjoy

View your memories on screens, create photo books and revisit your favourite moments anytime.



Back Up

Store your memories in more than one place (such as the cloud and an external drive) for extra peace of mind.



Simple Tip

If you're not sure where to start, start small. Scan a few favourite photographs or albums first. Every photograph you back up is another memory better protected.



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When life means frequent moves, a digital backup helps ensure your memories stay safe, accessible and easy to take with you—no matter where you're posted.

A digital backup won't replace the originals, but it can help protect what matters most.

Bonus Checklist Before the removalists arrive.



A few simple steps now can save a lot of heartache later.

Moving day is busy, and photo boxes are often packed quickly or forgotten altogether. Taking a few extra minutes to make a plan for your memories can help protect them from loss, damage and years of staying packed away.



Gather everything together
Bring albums, loose photographs and keepsakes into one place before packing begins.



Label boxes clearly
Write "PHOTOS – FRAGILE – THIS SIDE UP" on boxes so they aren't mistaken for ordinary household items.



Keep irreplaceable items with you
If possible, carry your most precious photographs and albums yourself.



Photograph your collection
A quick phone photo can help with insurance purposes and remind you where things are packed.



Make a plan to unpack them
Choose one photo box to unpack first in your new home. Your memories deserve a place in your everyday life, too.



Your photos are moving too.
Give them a plan and they'll have a much better chance of arriving safely and being enjoyed again.



For Defence Families

With every posting, it's easy to think, "I'll sort the photos at the next house." But one move can turn into five. Making a small plan before you pack can help ensure your memories don't stay in boxes for years to come.

Quick Checklist

- ♥ Gather photos
- ♥ Label boxes
- ♥ Carry precious items
- ♥ Photograph collection
- ♥ Plan to unpack

Especially for Defence Families



Frequent moves are just part of the journey.

But every move can put your precious memories at risk.

With postings, temporary accommodation and tight timelines, photographs often end up packed away and stay that way for years at a time.

The good news?

A little planning and care now can help ensure your memories stay safe, accessible and part of your story—no matter where the Navy takes you.

Frequent postings can mean:



Photo boxes moved again and again.



Albums left packed because the next move never feels far away.



Memories stored in garages, sheds or storage units.



Names, stories and connections quietly fading over time.



Irreplaceable moments that deserve to be protected and enjoyed.

Every move is a chance to protect your memories before another posting comes around.

You're not alone.



I understand the Defence lifestyle because I live it too.



I'm here to help you protect what matters most—your memories and your family's story.



Let's keep your stories safe through every move.



*Your service. Our lifestyle. Our stories.
Let's protect the memories that matter most.*

Behind RJ Photo Management



I help you take care of your printed photographs and precious memories so they can be enjoyed, shared and passed down for generations.

Services offered



Photo Scanning

Professional scanning of loose photos, albums and special collections to create high-quality digital copies.



Printed Photo Organisation

Sorting and organising your printed photographs so they're easy to find, enjoy and preserve.



Photo Restoration

Careful restoration of faded, damaged or time-worn photographs while respecting the original image.



Children's Artwork Preservation

Scanning and preserving children's artwork and creating beautiful keepsake art books.



Photo Books & Legacy Projects

Creating meaningful photo books that celebrate your family's stories and preserve them for future generations.



Professional Qualifications

RJ Photo Management follows industry best practices through ongoing professional education and membership with The Photo Managers.

Robyn is a:

- ✓ Certified Photo Manager
- ✓ Printed Photo Specialist
- ✓ Member of The Photo Managers

These qualifications support professional standards in photo preservation, scanning, restoration and the respectful handling of irreplaceable family photographs.



Hi, I'm Robyn – Certified Photo Manager, Printed Photo Specialist and Navy spouse, helping families preserve the photographs and stories that matter most through every chapter and every move.

I work with you...



- ✓ At your pace
- ✓ Focusing on what matters most to you
- ✓ With care, respect and confidentiality
- ✓ For local and remote clients
- ✓ Australia-wide

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OR by scanning the QR code



Let's bring your memories back to life.



If your photographs have spent too many years packed away in boxes, I'd love to help you bring them back into everyday life.



Book a complimentary 30-minute Photo Call

A friendly, no-obligation chat about your photos and how I may be able to help