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Each September, thousands of people in the Boston area move. If you are moving, please review the following information.

### **Address Changes**

- [J-1s](#) are legally required to send PIPS new home addresses within 10 days of moving. Please use our [Contact Us](#) form to send this information.
- [All other visa holders](#) (i.e., H-1B, O-1, E-3, TN) must notify the United States Citizenship and Immigration Service (USCIS) directly of any change of home address by [completing Form AR-11](#) within 10 days of moving. This form must be completed for each family member in the U.S.
- If you move update your address in PeopleSoft, contact others who have your address (banks, doctor's offices, etc.), and inform the [U.S. Post Office](#) so that your mail can be forwarded.
- [Scammers](#) may call or email you, pretending to be a government official. USCIS will never call you to confirm your address or ask for payment over the phone or in an email.

### **Housing**

- Partners Healthcare has a housing [search tool](#) and PIPS provides a [detailed summary](#) along with other resources about renting in Massachusetts.
- The City of Boston provides several tips on [avoiding apartment scams](#) and [moving](#). Use caution and look for red flags.
  - Never, under any circumstances, send money to anyone without securing a lease and confirming the property manager has legal right to rent the property.
  - Common scams feature an owner who is out of the country and cannot show the property. Always meet the landlord or agent in-person and at the property. It is good idea is to always have a friend or family member with you.
  - Scammers use a variety of tools and methods to post fraudulent listings on many internet listing sites so be cautious when reviewing on-line adds.

### **Moving Tips**

- Monday, September 5 is the Labor Day Holiday and many businesses and financial institutes are closed. Expect heavy traffic/delays related to moving most of Labor Day weekend as most leases start on September 1.
- Moving trucks are NOT allowed on [Storrow Drive](#) due to low clearance. Trucks will get stuck on Storrow Drive.

If you have any questions, please contact us at [pips@partners.org](mailto:pips@partners.org).

Thank you!

The PIPS Staff