Peggy: Hi I'm Peggy and with me today is Jordan and Justin. Our topic today is a beginner's guide to relocation.

Peggy: Heading to a job thousands of miles away can be stressful. If you have a family going with you, it gets even more complicated. What are some things that people should be aware of before they begin relocating? What are some tips you can share with us to help the relocation process be as easy and painless as possible?

Justin: According to Jungle Magazine issued in December of 2007 by Fred Cohn, there are some good points to encourage and help you when being relocated in your business. However, there are some things you should try to stay away from, as well. For instance, if you have a relative that is a good realtor in Arkansas and you're moving to Texas then you probably shouldn't contact them for help. Also, any people tend to argue that Internet Research may be a good way to find real estate in different states. However, things that you find online could be old and not for sale or rent any longer. Therefore, that you should do is "find someone with experience." Somebody like Instant New Yorker, a business that helps out of town people settle in New York City. Also, looking in the paper or phonebook is probably the wrong way to go. Just because a real estate agent calls himself a worker doesn't mean that he has credibility and can find you a good deal. Overall, the best idea would be to work with your new company's Human Resources manager. He may not be a realtor himself, but he could find you a reliable one. Also, he could help you figure out the real estate laws in the state and probably be able to tell you what the good neighborhoods are.

Justin: Before finding out about the Human Resource manager and about the real estate market in your new city, you should take a good look at your relocation package being offered to you by your new company. Most employers tend to help their new employees with financial assistance when they are being relocated. However, just because you got flown back and forth for free whenever you were scouting out the new city; doesn't mean that they are going to help you financially. Make sure that you see the relocation budget on paper before you sign or accept any deals of being relocated.

Jordan: People all over the world come to that point in their life when it's time to make the decision on whether to buy or rent. Well, in all honesty it's not that difficult of a decision. It all depends on the individual's situation. If you know you're going to be in a certain location for a long period of time maybe even permanently then go ahead and view your options on a few mansions for sale. The key component in the decision making is the job, if the job requires you to move around a lot then renting is your best option. Unless you're a very successful business figure such as Steve Nickerson, who is the CEO a major online real estate resource called Home Route. In his opinion it's really easy to produce money to buy a house, he says "If you buy smart selling down the road shouldn't be a problem." He makes it sound so easy but not everyone has the finances to do what he does.

Jordan: The well known slogan "It aint what you know, it's who you know" is true in all aspects of life. Whether it be getting a job or finding a good place to take your girlfriend on a date. Getting to know people can be very beneficial in some instances and has the potential to give you the edge over all competition. There have been plenty of times where a person who is hard worker but didn't quite meet the qualifications has received the job because the person doing the hiring knew their work ethic. Enough said about networking though, I'm pretty sure you get the idea. MEET A NEW PERSON EVERYDAY NO YOUR LIFE WILL BE JUST FINE.

Peggy: The truth is, it is going to be stressful no matter what you do. The most important thing to do, that will relieve much of the stress, is to be well prepared. The worst thing to do is wait till the last minute to make these important preparations, so be thorough and get the right help. Thank you for listening to the CareerCast and good luck in your job search.