

# Preventing Theft of Packages



The holidays are right around the corner! This means there will be more packages ordered and delivered to homes. Unfortunately, this can cause a rise in theft of packages that maybe sitting on the front porch of homes. There are different steps you can take to try to prevent the theft of packages delivered to your home.

First, if there is a trusted neighbor who is home when you are gone, ask them if they would mind watching for the package to pick it up for you. If you track the package, let them know when the estimated delivery date and time are, or when it has been delivered. See if they would be willing to pick it up once it has been delivered.

If you would prefer a different option, there are some free options through FedEx, UPS, and Amazon to have your package shipped to a secure location. These locations are at local retail stores that have lockers to hold your package until you can pick it up. To learn more about this, visit the FedEx, UPS, or Amazon websites.

Does your workplace allow you to receive packages? Ask your boss if they would mind if you had your packages shipped directly to work. This is a good way to ensure you get the package right when it is delivered.

Another option is requesting a signature. The package will not be delivered unless a person is home and signs for the package. Doing this will ensure you get the package into your home without having to worry. If you're not home, the package will be brought to the Post Office where it will be secure.

Some people would prefer not to have their package sent to their house in the event they work long hours, travel, or have inconsistent schedules. Another great option is having the package sent to the Post Office, a family member's house, a trusted friend's house, or even a trusted neighbor's house who may be home more frequently.

In the event that you experience a package being stolen, call the police to file a report. Make sure to provide the time (or estimated time) the package was delivered, who delivered the package, the item that was delivered, the value of the item, a serial number (if there is one), and if there's video at you're home. This will help with an investigation conducted by the police department.

If there is suspicious activity in the neighborhood, call 911 for police assistance.

