

# Protect Your Holiday Deliveries from Porch Pirates!

It's that time of year again! With the holiday season upon us, online shopping is on the rise, and so are the opportunities for "porch pirates" or "box bandits" to steal your packages from your doorstep. Unfortunately, our department has recently taken reports of packages being stolen from outside residences. To help prevent this from happening to you, we've put together some valuable tips to keep your items safe:

- **Consider alternate delivery addresses:** Have your package delivered to a trusted person or your workplace (with permission) to ensure it's received safely.
- **Ask a neighbor to keep an eye out:** Have a neighbor who's usually home take in your package for you, or return the favor for them.
- **Hold packages with the shipping company:** Adjust shipping instructions to have the package held at a receiving terminal for pickup when you're available. Amazon's Locker feature is a great option!
- **Track your packages:** Enable tracking with USPS, Amazon, or UPS to receive notifications when your package is delivered.
- **Install security measures:** Consider investing in camera systems or third-party vendors to monitor your porch and deter potential thieves.



If you do fall victim to package theft, please contact us to file a report. You can call us at (717) 534-2202 or visit our [Crimewatch](#) page to file a report online if the amount of the theft is valued at less than \$1,000. If you witness someone actively stealing packages, please dial 911 for emergency assistance. Stay safe, and have a Happy Holiday season!



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