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Package theft is a crime of opportunity; it's an easy target for criminals.

To avoid becoming a victim, here are some tips:

- Select a sign-for-delivery option when ordering or sending a package. This will prevent the delivery person from leaving your package at your door.
- Track the package and try to be home when the package is supposed to arrive or you can request a specific delivery time.
- Sign up for email, even text message alerts with estimated delivery times.
- Ship the package to a location where it will be received in person such as your workplace.
- If your employer does not allow it, have the packages delivered to a trusted neighbor who stays home during the day or a retired relative.
- Have USPS, Amazon, FedEx or UPS hold your package at their pick-up-facility so you can pick it up in person at your convenience.
- If purchasing from a large retailer, request that your package be delivered to a local branch or store so you can pick it up in person.
- Provide delivery instructions to the shipper so that packages can be left at a safe location at your home that is out of sight from the street.
- Get to know your carriers. If there's been a problem of thefts in the past, tell them about it.
- Insure your packages.
- Be a good neighbor and watch out for who doesn't belong in your area. If you see something, say something and report suspicious activity. Call (858) 565-5200.
- If your package is stolen, notify the sender immediately and report the theft to the Sheriff's Department.



