



PACKAGE THEFT PREVENTION

A CRIME OF OPPORTUNITY

Package thefts are crimes of opportunity. The Alexandria Police Department would like to remind citizens to take extra care this time of year when having mail and packages delivered to their residence. Package thefts from doorsteps and front porches during the day usually increase between the months of October and January. There are steps you can take to be proactive in keeping your package safe from theft.

PACKAGE THEFT PREVENTION TIPS

- Encourage family and neighbors to pick up packages as soon as possible as after they are delivered.
- Track your packages. Try to be present at the time of delivery. Many mail carriers allow you to track your shipment online:
 - FedEx:** http://www.fedex.com/ca_english/track/
 - UPS:** http://www.ups.com/WebTracking/track?loc=en_US&WT.svl=PriNav
 - USPS:** <https://tools.usps.com/go/TrackConfirmAction!input.action>
 - DHL:** <http://www.dhl.com/en/express/tracking.html>
- Be neighborly. If you can't pick up your mail ask a neighbor to do it for you. The U.S. Postal Service can also hold your mail if you travel during the holidays.

Always report any suspicious activity immediately to the Alexandria Police Department. Call 911 for emergencies or call our non-emergency number, 703.746.4444.

