



Expecting a package?

Take steps to make sure you receive what you ordered!

Every year around the holidays, there is an increase in packages ordered online and delivered to homes. This also can come with an increase in thefts when the packages are left unattended outside. Victims usually report the theft to their shippers so the police department may not know the extent of these thefts.

Doorstep delivery can be a crime of opportunity. It may not be someone following a delivery truck but someone who happens to be in the area and sees a package delivered. In looking at the most frequently used delivery services, here are some suggestions the shippers made.

- Before you ship, choose the right service for your needs.
- Ship the package to a location where you know someone will be available to receive it. Consider selecting the “signature required” option.
- Send any FedEx package directly to a FedEx Office location near you or choose from several delivery options. You can have it held for pickup at one of the stations. You can go to www.fedex.com to find the nearest location or call 1-800-GO-FEDEX.
- UPS also has stores that a package can be routed to and have several options for delivery choices. Their information is www.UPS.com or 1-800-PICK-UPS.
- The United States Postal Service has a number of ways to track and secure safe delivery for your packages. You have options on how you want the package delivered as well as tracking and insuring the package. Many of their tips are similar to UPS and FedEx. More information: www.usps.com

As neighbors, if you see something suspicious such as a person picking up a package off your neighbor’s front step or a car following a delivery van, **please call 9-1-1 immediately**. If you are a victim of this crime, please contact 3-1-1 or file a police report online. If you have suspect information, **call 9-1-1**.

Contact your crime prevention specialist for additional prevention information. Call 311 (or 612-673-3000) or see <http://go.usa.gov/cZe9k> to locate your crime prevention specialist.

For further crime prevention resources, please visit:
www.minneapolismn.gov/police/crimeprevention/index.htm.

