

# PACKAGE THEFT PREVENTION



More than half of Americans say they know someone who had a package stolen from outside of their home and 30% say they have experienced it themselves, according to a survey by a home security service company.

With the holiday season upon us, Everett historically sees an increase of package thefts between the months of October and January.

Be proactive when expecting a package delivery!



## PACKAGE THEFT PREVENTION TIPS:

- ◇ Track your shipments online. Most companies allow subscriptions to delivery notification alerts.
- ◇ Have packages delivered to where you are, not where you aren't. If your workplace allows delivery, have items delivered to you at there instead of at home.
- ◇ Have packages delivered to a relative or a neighbor who will be there to accept them.
- ◇ Most major companies offer alternative delivery and pick-up options or will deliver to locked boxes at convenience stores in various neighborhoods or shipping locations.
- ◇ If you leave for vacation, place a hold on mail and package delivery.
- ◇ Make home surveillance cameras visible. While good video footage from hidden cameras assists with identifying suspects after the fact, prominently displayed cameras are a better theft deterrent.
- ◇ Keep an eye out for suspicious vehicles and people in your neighborhood. Some thieves follow delivery trucks and steal packages after they are delivered.
- ◇ If you notice suspicious behavior in your neighborhood, call 911 and provide a description of the vehicle and the person.

FOR EMERGENCIES, CALL 911  
NON-EMERGENCIES, CALL 425-407-3999



- Track delivery status of shipments
- Remove packages quickly
- Be on the lookout for suspicious people

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