

SPECIAL DELIVERY



Do you have packages being delivered to your home, but you are not always home to get them? Take some steps to make sure your packages get delivered safely. Remember, as delivery trucks travel around your neighborhood, they are highly visible and once a package gets dropped off – it only takes a few moments for criminals to swipe it. Here are some tips for you to keep in mind.

- Send the package to the residence of a trusted friend or relative who you know will be home. Be sure that the friend is ready and waiting to retrieve the package when the doorbell rings.
- Ask the package delivery company to hold the package if you will not be home (many have local delivery centers).
- Request that your package is marked "signature required." This requires the delivery person to stand by and wait until you're available to retrieve the package. You could also put a note on your door, requesting the deliverer go to your next door neighbor for the signature.
- Leave special instructions on where to deliver the package. A good place is on the side or back of the house, so that the package is out of sight from the road. Ask the delivery person to take and discard the note with him/her or leave it with the package. While this is not a very secure or safe option, it is better than leaving the package in full view on your doorstep.
- Use a company that provides a tracking service and check online to see when your package is scheduled to arrive.
- Have the items shipped to the nearest store for "in-store pick up."
- If you have an understanding boss, have your packages delivered to you at work,
- Taking a holiday trip to visit family or friends? Request a vacation hold. With some services, you can request a vacation hold on all shipments for up to 14 days.

Remember, always report suspicious activity directly to the WVCPD by calling non-emergency dispatch at (801) 840-4000 or by calling 911.

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