Package Theft Prevention

Package thefts are crimes of opportunity. The Omaha 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 after they are delivered.
- If you can’t be home, have packages delivered to a friend, family member or neighbor who will be home. Ask your employer if they can be delivered to your workplace.
- Have packages shipped so that a signature is required, that way, packages won’t be left if you’re not home.
- Use the ship-to store-method and pick up the packages there.
- Track your packages. Try to be present at the time of delivery. Many mail carriers allow you to track your shipment online:
  - UPS: http://www.ups.com/
  - USPS: https://www.usps.com/
- 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.
- If sending a package, pay extra for insurance, tracking, and signature required.
- Contact your service provider to see if they provide free extra services.
- Always report suspicious activity immediately by calling 911.