



Top Tips to Prevent Parcel Thefts from your Porch

10. Ship your packages to your office or a trusted neighbour who is home during the day. The holiday season is a great time to get to know your neighbours better in a physically distanced way! If you're the one who is home during the day, offer to keep an eye out for your neighbours' parcels.
9. Ordering from Amazon? Make use of the Amazon Hub Locker, a self-serve delivery location that you can choose when shipping your Amazon packages. Learn more here: <https://www.amazon.ca/b?ie=UTF8&node=21156835011>
8. Opt for shipping that allows you to track your packages and keep tabs on when they're expected to be delivered. Many online retailers offer free tracked shipping with minimum purchase, or for small upgrade.
7. Many delivery companies will allow you to request that your packages be held at their facility for pick up at your convenience, rather than being left on your doorstep. Contact the company delivering your parcel to see if it's an option!
6. When shipping parcels, select the option that requires a signature for delivery. This ensures that the parcel will not be left unattended at your door.
5. Many local retailers are offering same day curbside or in-store pick-up. Without even having to exit your vehicle, or only entering the store for a short time, you can pick up your purchases and keep them off your porch. Not sure if your favorite retailer offers in-store or curbside pick-up? Call and ask, they may be willing to help out!
4. Install security cameras at your home. There are many different low-cost options that allow you receive alerts when activity is detected at your door. You can keep an eye for parcels being delivered or make arrangements to have a trusted friend gather them quickly for you.
3. Our Crime Prevention website offers Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) tips to ensure your home isn't inviting for criminals. Visit: <https://www.barriepolice.ca/safety-crime-prevention/>
2. Contact your shipping company or postal service to select a time for delivery when you know you can be home to receive your parcel. Once your parcel has been shipped, you can often choose a preferred time or date window to receive your package.
1. If you do have a parcel stolen, be sure to report it online so that we can investigate and keep track of where thefts are taking place. <https://www.barriepolice.ca/services/citizens-online-reporting/>



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