



HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS FOR PACKAGE DELIVERIES

To avoid becoming a victim, here are a few safety tips:

- If your employer will allow it, have packages delivered to your office.
- If not, have packages delivered to a place where they can be received in person, such as the home of a trusted neighbor who stays home during the day, or a retired relative.
- Request the shipper require a signature confirmation or hold your package at their pick-up facility so you can pick it up in person at your convenience. FedEx and UPS both have stores in Plano you can use for delivery options.
- If purchasing from a large retailer, request that your package be delivered to a local branch of the store so you can pick it up in person at your convenience.
- Request a specific delivery date and time from the shipper when you know you will be home.
- Provide delivery instructions to the shipper so that packages can be left at a safe location at your home that is out of sight from the street.
- Sign up for delivery alerts from the shipper.
- Check into some free mobile apps to track your packages so you know when they are being delivered. UPS also offers a similar service called "My Choice" that you can sign up for and FedEx will send you an email if you sign up for their service.
- Install surveillance cameras. These will let the thieves know they are being watched. This can also protect your property and deter criminals all year long.
- Hold a Nextdoor neighborhood meeting. Never a better time than now to have a few of your closest neighbors over for a meet and greet. With this you can build that neighborhood relationship that allows everyone to watch out for each other.

Now finally, when you see that FedEx, UPS, or ANY other delivery truck in your neighborhood, don't just look at it and then look away. Check to see if a vehicle is following or watching it. If you see this, don't hesitate to call 9-1-1.

Pass this along to your friends, family, coworkers, and neighbors so we can do our part in keeping everyone's property safer.

A message from the Plano Police Department