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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Package Theft Prevention This Holiday Season

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Unfortunately, it's not just the Grinch who stole Christmas. With the influx of package deliveries over the holiday season, the risk becomes even greater. Criminals tend to be more active during the holidays, driving through neighborhoods looking for packages that have been left unprotected.

"The Eureka Police Department (EPD) is recommending that online purchases that would normally be mailed to your residence be sent to a secure location, such as a work address," stated EPD Captain Brian Stephens. "To combat package theft during the holidays, EPD is recommending that citizens have a plan to secure packages so they are not stolen from the home. When possible, shop locally and bypass issues of theft."

Eureka Police Department offers these suggestions to make sure your packages arrive safely.

Have Packages Delivered to Workplace or Office

One of the best ways to combat package theft is to have items delivered to your office (with your company's permission) or a friend's house who will be home to receive the packages. This minimizes the opportunities for theft.

Require Signature on Delivery to Stop Package Theft

To prevent your package from being stolen off the front porch, side door, back porch, or garage area, ask for signature delivery. If your package is delivered by UPS/DHL/FedEx, consult your sender and require a delivery confirmation signature.



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Package Lockers

As an alternative, purchases made on Amazon can be delivered to an Amazon Locker (see end of news release for local locations). These lockers are available in more than 900 cities, and Amazon can deliver packages directly to a locker rather than to your door.

1. Search for a locker location on Amazon's Locker page or when selecting shipping options at checkout.
2. Select the locker.
3. Complete checkout.
4. When your package is delivered, Amazon will e-mail you a 6-digit code to access your locker.
5. Pick up your package from the locker within three days to avoid it being returned.

Sign Up for Alerts

Some carriers offer text or e-mail alerts so that you know when a delivery will be made and can adjust your own schedule accordingly.

Citizens can also sign up for text or e-mail notifications through services such as FedEx and UPS. This allows one to schedule delivery alerts and request redelivery.

Pick Up Packages in Person

It may not be quite as convenient as receiving deliveries at your front door, but one sure way to guarantee safety is to have packages held at the post office or delivery service store until you can pick them up yourself.

Both FedEx and UPS provide options to have packages held at a local location rather than dropped off at your home.

Another way to prevent package theft is to sign up for package delivery tracking. Most delivery companies let you track your package from the warehouse right up to your porch.



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Store Name / Location	Hours	Phone
Amazon Hub Counter - GNC Store #03547	Mon, Tue, Wed, Thurs, Sat:	445-8280
3300 BROADWAY, EUREKA CA 95501 - BAYSHORE MALL		
	10:00 AM – 8:00 PM	
	Fri: 10:00 AM - 9:00 PM	
	Sun: 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM	
Amazon Hub Counter – Rite Aid #6036	Mon - Sun:	443-8039
411 Harris Street, Eureka CA 95503-4416	8:00 AM - 9:00 PM	
Amazon Hub Counter – Rite Aid #6037	Sun - Sat:	839-0140
1500 Anna Sparks Way Suite D, McKinleyville CA 95519-4170	8:00 AM - 9:00 PM	
Amazon Hub Counter - Health Mart Pharmacy	Mon - Fri:	725-4431
Green's Fortuna Pharmacy 1058 Main St, Fortuna CA 95540	9:00 AM - 7:00 PM	
	Sat:	
	9:00 AM - 4:00 PM	
Amazon Hub Counter – Rite Aid #6041	Mon - Sun:	725-9314
725 South Fortuna Boulevard, Fortuna CA 95540-3034	8:00 AM - 9:00 PM	

Notes:

When your package arrives at the hub location you selected during the ordering process, you receive an e-mail from Amazon with a 6-digit code you provide to the Hub location at pickup to confirm you are the intended recipient.

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