



## Tips to Prevent Mail Theft

### COLLECTING MAIL

- Collect all mail from your mailbox, even if it's locked, every day and as soon as possible after delivery. Don't leave it in your mailbox overnight.
- If you know you'll be out of town, ask a neighbor if they can pick up your mail for you or inform your post office so they can hold your mail for you.
- If you don't receive a check or other valuable mail you've been expecting, contact the issuing agency immediately.
- Utilize online tracking and delivery services if you're expecting a piece of mail or package. The USPS offers email and text alerts to notify customers of package status and delivery.

### SENDING MAIL

- When sending mail, drop it off before the collection time so it doesn't sit overnight or over the weekend.
- Don't send cash in the mail.

### OTHER TIPS

- Consult with the local postmaster for the most updated regulations on mailboxes, including the availability of locked centralized or curbside mailboxes.
- If you see a mail thief in the act or believe your mail was stolen, call the police immediately, then call postal inspectors – (877) 876-2455.
- Learn more at <https://postalinspectors.uspis.gov>