

8 Best Guides to Avoid Getting Your Packages Stolen during Holiday

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Tired of having your UPS package stolen or lost from your front door or porch? Tired of tedious and lengthy recovering your missing FedEx package? Tired of dealing with endless and fruitless USPS delivery complaints?

You are not alone. According to package theft statistics, each year more than 23 million Americans (shocking!!!) have their packages stolen. More than 4000 customers filed complaints against shipping companies according to Consumer Affairs.



With holiday looming, package thieves are on the move. How can you avoid all kinds of package troubles while you are away enjoying your holiday?

Fortunately, there are **AMAZING TIPS** to make sure your packages stay out of the grasp of pilferers, especially during holiday season.

1. Use Smart Package Lockers or Convenience Store

Amazon now allows you to pick up your delivery in [Amazon Locker](#) with a unique code, which you can punch into the machine to retrieve your package in selected locations across the country.



When putting down shipping address during the checkout process, you can find out whether the Amazon locker is available in your region or not.

If so, the Amazon locker will be the safest and convenient place to secure your Amazon package.

If your community doesn't have an Amazon Locker, and you are a frequent online shopper, use **The UPS Store**, check the availability of lockers in nearby **convenience stores**, **Kiosks** or buy your own **digital locker**.



If you are financially strained for the moment, sharing locker with your neighbors or friends will help slash the cost and boost up your package safety.

2. Have Packages Delivered to Your Workplace

There are a lot of complaints about package thieves or bad neighbors sneaking around the street and looting drop-off deliveries, or irresponsible mailman or carriers leaving packages on the front door without knocking or ringing the door, or pre-signing your delivery without your consent or delaying home delivery by sending notifications too early.

Oh, my!!!

You must feel that is so true, and somehow frustrated.

Don't be, having your package delivered to **your office** will reduce the risk of package theft or package loss significantly (given that your company allows that and there are coworkers available in the office to retrieve your package).

3. Install a Smart Security Camera at Your Front Door

Having a smart [video surveillance camera](#) pointing at the front door, hallway or driveway is better than no camera at all.

Approximately 34% burglar break into the house from the front door, a relatively high proportion compared with other spots (shown below).



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A security camera will serve as a deterrent for criminals and once the thieves are arrested, they will be charged with theft, property crime or other offenses.

If a porch poacher steals USPS package, he or she is subject to serious criminal consequences including federal prison time and fines.

What's more, many alleged porch pirates were caught in the CCTV footage, swiping package off the front door, which can be used to identify frequent package pinchers and help **substantiate a theft for refund and replacement.**



The brutal reality is that some thieves snatched the unattended packages even though the surveillance camera is rolling.

So how can we stop them?

A fantastic solution would be buying a [smart IP security camera](#) packed with **PTZ** (pan, tilt, zoom) wider viewing angle (up to 100°) and excellent **motion sensor**.



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Motion detection triggers alert or alarm, sending notifications to your phone, mailbox and FTP server once a movement is detected. Alert from the delivery company combined with motion triggers from your camera will bolster your package security.

The best scenario is that your [home security system](#) or [alarm system](#) are in conjunction with the front door camera to set off alarms when intrusion or stealing is detected by motion sensors.

More importantly, if you are unavailable to retrieve package, rerouting, rescheduling or requiring signature delivery without the presence of notices or trusted neighbor will be much easier when you can remotely view your porch via security camera.



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4. Require Signature on Delivery

Many customers grumble about delivery man signing the unauthorized packages and leaving them wide open on the porch or doorstep, making them desirable for package snatcher.

The solution to the problem is asking for **signature delivery**. If your package is delivered by UPS, consult your sender and require delivery confirmation signature.



Signature-required delivery should be strictly followed by couriers. If your package was left unattended, or even worse, lost, because they didn't follow the protocol, delivery companies are liable to legal actions and you are entitled to a full refund or replacement if you didn't get a proof of delivery when you demand delivery by signature.

5. Reroute or Reschedule Delivery

If you are not sure whether or not you are home from holiday to receive your package when the delivery truck pulls up to your front door. You can **track shipment information** either on package tracking app or order information in advance.



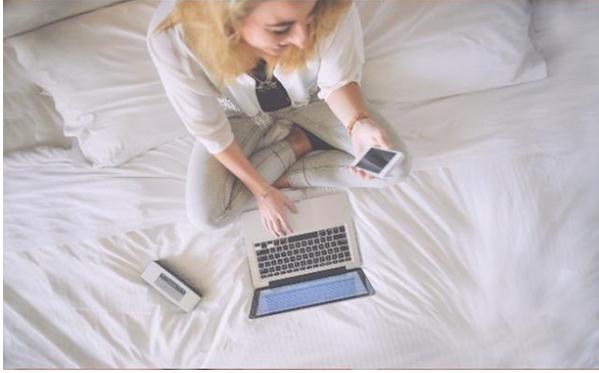
Both UPS and FedEx offer web apps to help reroute parcel to another address and reschedule your package delivery at your convenience for a fee, for example, **FedEx's Delivery Manager**, and **UPS My Choice** premium membership for \$40 a year.

If you are using other delivery services, online shipment tracking information will be available. Notifying the driver in advance online when your package is due is reassuring.

6. Require Vacation Package Hold

Finally going away for holiday, you can **place a hold on your package** to keep your parcel safe.

Many delivery companies such as USPS and FedEx offer a free service to uphold your package at their terminals or delivery centers for a period of time.



To check [FedEx delivery options](#) for free online and free [USPS mail holding service](#) here to apply for a package holiday hold online without worrying about lost package or package being stolen off the doorstep.

While UPS will charge \$5 for every package rescheduled or delivered to a UPS retail location on UPS My Choice.

7. Get a Package Guard for Your Delivery

An entrepreneur from the USA has a simple solution to porch Christmas package missing—**Package Guard**, which is a Wi-Fi-enabled Frisbee-size device that requires the package to put on them on the porch, alerting a customer when a package has been delivered to their house.



And, more importantly, it triggers a loud alarm if anyone unauthorized tries to take the package away, which is similar to the mechanism in a smart security camera.

With this newly-design gadget combined with your [home security system](#), your package will be safer when it lies on the front door.

You might also have other misgivings about the product, to get more answer visit [FQA](#).

8. Insure Your Upcoming Packages



I bet you don't want to go through all the troubles to get your missing package back after an amazing holiday.

So insuring your precious holiday parcel, for example, Halloween costume, Thanksgiving gifts or Christmas packages in the first place will guarantee you reimbursement if unfortunately your delivery was stolen or lost before you lay your hand on it.

And you can also check [what to do if your package was stolen](#).