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HOLIDAY THEFT PREVENTION TIPS

The Chico Police Department is committed to public safety. During the holiday season, we advise all citizens to **STAY SHARP – STAY SAFE!** Here are a few safety steps you can take to help prevent you or your family becoming the victims of holiday package theft.

1. Request any packages purchased online to be delivered directly to the local store and pick them up at the customer service counter.
2. Have packages sent with “signature required” and make sure someone will be present to accept the package. A signature means the package can’t be left behind on the porch without a person signing for delivery.
3. Track your package online so you see the delivery status (such as “out for delivery”, where the package is currently located (transit), and an approximate date of delivery.
4. Ask a trusted neighbor to pick up your packages from your porch if you are not going to be home.
5. If your employer allows it, have your packages delivered to your business address.
6. Some homeowners are investing in locking package containers bolted onto their porch for deliveries.
7. Invest in a security camera. If your package IS stolen, you may be able to record the suspect and assist the police in the investigation.
8. Start or join a Neighborhood Watch program and/or join Nextdoor.com. Such programs allow for you and your neighbors to be on the lookout for suspicious persons in your neighborhood.

If you do have a package stolen, immediately report the theft to the Chico Police Department and contact the vendor. If you purchased insurance, the item may be covered by loss from theft.

It is important to be proactive and stay one step ahead of package thieves. By removing the opportunity for them to steal your unattended packages, you can ensure a happy holiday season

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The Chico Police Department is committed to ensuring our community is a safe place to live, work, and recreate within!