

# Porch Pirates & Package Theft

10 Practical Ways to Protect Your Deliveries  
– Starting Today

**1 in 7 U.S. homeowners had a package  
stolen in the last year.**

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# Part 1 – Immediate Actions to Stop Porch Pirates Now

Quick wins you can do today or this week, before buying more gear.

## Do These Today

- 1 Make cameras highly visible**  
Doorbell cams or even fake camera signs deter most thieves, who usually look for the easiest target.
- 2 Turn on delivery alerts**  
Enable notifications from USPS, UPS, FedEx, Amazon so you know the moment a package arrives.
- 3 Redirect to secure locations**  
Send packages to Amazon Lockers, UPS Access Points, your workplace, or a trusted neighbor.
- 4 Post security signs**  
Simple "24/7 video monitoring" signs are inexpensive but act as strong visual deterrents.
- 5 Use a secure lock box**  
Install an affordable parcel lock box (\$50-\$200) or mark a preferred drop spot out of sight.

## Do This Week

- 6 Require signatures for valuables**  
For higher-value items, choose signature-required delivery to prevent unattended packages.
- 7 Coordinate with neighbors**  
Set up a porch-watch arrangement or group chat. Quick messages reduce time parcels sit outside.
- 8 Schedule deliveries when home**  
Choose delivery windows when someone is home, or use hold for pickup options.
- 9 Report thefts immediately**  
File a police report and contact the retailer. Many have reimbursement policies.
- 10 Use camera footage**  
Share video with police and neighbors. Thieves are often identified through clear footage.

*These steps can dramatically reduce your risk but aren't foolproof. For the best protection, combine them with good lighting, cameras, and – where it makes sense – professional monitoring.*

## Part 2 – Use Smart Security to Make Your Porch a Hard Target

### Smart Cameras & Doorbells

- Aim cameras at your delivery drop zone and walk-up path.
- Use motion clips with alerts, not just 24/7 recording.
- Turn on person/vehicle detection to avoid constant false alerts.

### Lighting & Deterrence

- Keep entry lights on at night or use motion lights.
- Avoid dark corners around steps and package areas.
- Pair visible lights with "Security in Use" signs.

### Delivery & App Settings

- Enable delivery alerts and activity zones around your porch.
- Store clips of suspicious behavior in the app.
- Review overnight events so you can adjust camera angles if needed.

## Keep This Guide Handy

- Use this as a checklist whenever you're expecting deliveries.
- Share it with family or neighbors so everyone knows the basics.
- Review it before big delivery seasons (holidays, back-to-school, moving).

## Get Your FREE Smart Home Security Blueprint

- Suggestions for cameras and sensors for a home like yours.
- Example layouts that cover doors, porches, and common blind spots.
- Cost ranges you can use with any trusted provider – no pushy sales call.

**Take the 60-Second Quiz to Get Your Blueprint**

*Advonta is independent. We don't sell equipment – we help homeowners avoid bad deals.*

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