PROTECT YOURSELF AGAINST PACKAGE THEFT IN MEDINA

Package theft is a growing problem in the United States. In 2020, there were an estimated 2.3 million cases of package theft, with a total value of over $1 billion. The problem is only getting worse, as more and more people shop online.

There are a number of things you can do to prevent package theft. Here are a few tips:

- Track your deliveries. Many shipping companies offer tracking services, so you can see when your package is scheduled to arrive. This will give you a heads up so you can be home to receive it or make arrangements for someone else to do so.

- Some services will let you choose a delivery window so you can schedule drop-offs when you will be home.

- Select the "signature required" option. This will require the delivery driver to get a signature from someone before leaving your package. This can help to deter thieves, as they will know that they will not be able to get away with stealing your package without being caught.

- Have packages delivered to a secure location. If you are not able to be home to receive your package, you can have it delivered to a secure location, such as a post office, UPS store, or Amazon locker.

- Install a security camera. A security camera can help to deter thieves, and it can also provide evidence if your package is stolen.

- Work with your neighbors. Talk to your neighbors about the problem of package theft and see if you can work together to come up with a solution. For example, you could agree to watch each other's packages when someone is not home.

If your package is stolen, report it to the shipping company and to the police. You can also file a claim with your insurance company.

Package theft is a serious problem, but there are things you can do to prevent it. By following these tips, you can help to keep your packages safe.

If you believe you were a victim of package theft, report the incident to both local law enforcement and the Post Office. If you observe package theft in progress call 911.

Medina Police Department: For emergencies, call 911 – Office (425) 233-6420