



# GILBERTS POLICE DEPARTMENT

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## **Community Proactive Safety Tips - Before Your Mail Gets Stolen:**

These proactive tips will help protect you from becoming a victim of mailbox theft, and, reduce the opportunities for it to happen. If you suspect it already happened contact the Gilberts Police Department dispatch center at 630-232-8400.

- Don't allow your mail to accumulate. If you are going to be away for more than a couple days - arrange for a trusted neighbor to pick-up your mail, or ask your mail carrier to put a delivery hold on your mail until you return and retrieve it from the Post Office.
- Get to know your mail carrier's usual delivery time to your mailbox, and retrieve your mail as soon as possible.
- Make sure your mailbox door closes firmly and stays closed. An open mailbox, with mail in view, is an inviting target.
- Do not use your mailbox flag when you have outgoing mail. To a mailbox thief it's like a red flag saying; "Here I am, come get me." Your mail carrier will see your outgoing mail, even if the flag is not up. The best choice is to post your outgoing mail in an official USPS box, or at a local Postal Center.