

Spring 2019 Security Newsletter **Protect Yourself From Shipping Thieves**

Criminals have discovered they can set up fake accounts using *your* name and address so they can steal your packages. They may even be able to steal mail from your mail box without you ever knowing it was there.

Using the services described below, you can fight the criminals and protect what is yours.

A recent case in Michigan warned law enforcement across the country that seven criminals used the US Postal Service's "Informed Delivery" service to steal packages. Using an email address they established for thefts, criminals applied to the post office to be informed when a package is delivered to victims' homes. When they got the email, they hurried to the homes and stole the packages from front porches before the victims knew the packages were there.

Fight that scam now by signing-up for Informed Delivery from the United States Postal Service. Beat your local criminals to the punch!

Similar services are provided by DHL, FedEx, and UPS. Sign up for all the services using the links below.

USPS Informed Delivery

This service from the US Postal Service gives you a digital preview of your mail and packages scheduled to arrive soon. You will get an email, usually by 9:00 AM of the day you are to receive delivery. IN the email will be grayscale images of the addressed outside of letter-sized pieces. Tracking information for packages is provided, though images are not.

Sign up here: <https://tinyurl.com/lwru2eh>.

DHL ProView

Get real-time shipment monitoring and automatic notifications via email or text with this PIN-protected service for express pickups and deliveries.

Sign up here: <https://tinyurl.com/yb3nomcs>.

FedEx Delivery Manager

This free service allows you to get alerts when a FedEx package is sent to you, redirect a package to a participating Walgreens, and put a vacation hold on all deliveries and more.

Sign up here: <https://tinyurl.com/y9n9etsb>.

UPS My Choice

UPS provides two levels of this service: FREE and Premium (for a fee). The FREE features include: Delivery Alerts, Delivery Planner, Estimated Delivery Timer; Hold for Will Call; "Leave At" Instructions, and more.

Sign up here: <https://tinyurl.com/ycxu8rvf>.

Beat criminals at their own game by signing up for these services so you can protect what is yours.