

From the Desk of Detective Dave

Beware of Porch Pirates

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If you're having gifts shipped to your house this Christmas, beware of Porch Pirates! These are the grinchers who will steal your online purchases right from your porch if your packages are left unattended. There are four easy tips to help you keep your gifts safe.

- 1. Have packages delivered to a safe place.** This could be your workplace or the home of a trusted neighbor or friend who is more likely to be home.
- 2. Track delivery so you can be home when it arrives.**
- 3. Choose shipping option that requires a signature for delivery.** That way you know it won't be delivered unless someone is there to sign for it.
- 4. Ask the shipping company to hold your packages at their facility.** Then you can pick them up when it is convenient for your schedule.

The Frederick Police Department would like to wish you a safe and happy holiday season.

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