



LANGLEY RCMP COMMUNITY POLICING SERVICES

Mail Theft

A few simple changes can assist with making your mailbox less of a target. Mail theft, like any theft of personal property, can lead to financial loss and considerable inconvenience. Know that once your mail is delivered, it is your personal property.

Tips for Outside mailboxes:

- Can the mailboxes be easily seen; are there shrubs or other plant materials blocking the natural surveillance of the boxes? Trim or remove any landscape materials creating any concealment of the boxes.
- Keep the area around the mailboxes neat; a well-kept space says that you care for your property.

General Tips:

- Retrieve your mail as soon as possible after delivery - don't leave mail unattended in your mailbox overnight.
- If you're planning a holiday, have someone retrieve your mail on a daily basis OR for a small fee, Canada Post will hold your mail at the delivery office and deliver it upon your return.
- If you receive mail that is not yours, do not leave it in an unprotected area. Write "delivered to wrong address" or "not at this address" on the front of the envelope. Deposit the letter into a Canada Post mailbox at your earliest convenience.
- Check the physical security of your mailbox to ensure there are no gaps or damage; check with a lock specialist on the cost of increasing the security of your boxes.
- There could be potential financial losses caused by the theft of mail. If you suspect your mail has been stolen; contact Canada's two credit bureaus Equifax Canada at 1.800.465.7166, www.equifax.com/EFX_Canada and Trans Union Canada at 1.877.525.3823, www.tuc.ca/TUCorp/home.asp.

We need to hear from you; **Langley RCMP ~ Emergency 911** Call this number if you are witnessing a crime/incident in progress; know your location or **Langley RCMP ~ Non-Emergency 604.532.3200** or **On-Line** ~ go to www.bc.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/langley/report.