

SAFEGUARD YOUR MAIL-ORDER PRESCRIPTION DRUGS



Getting prescription medications in the mail may be convenient, but it presents an opportunity for people to steal them. Almost half of all arrests by Postal Inspectors in 2011 were for people suspected of mail theft.



If you're one of the over 100 million Americans who receive mail-order prescription medications, help protect them by

- getting mail promptly from the mailbox: don't leave it overnight.
- having mail delivered to a post office box.
- asking the post office to hold your mail when you are away.
- requesting a signature for delivery of medications to your home.
- installing a lock on your mailbox, if possible.

Immediately report mail theft to your local police and local postmaster. You also may report theft to the U.S. Postal Inspection Service at (877) 876-2455.



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