



Security Awareness Bulletin

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Antiterrorism

Emergency Management

Mail Delivery and ATM/Deposits

On 27 April 2020, the United States Department of Justice issued an alert to law enforcement partners supporting United States Postal Service (USPS) employees nationwide. This alert references the safety risk of mail carriers delivering stimulus checks and the potential for robbery, violence and mayhem. Criminals already realize the physical delivery of checks and may possibly target mail carriers. The same vulnerability applies to one's home and personal mailbox, whether it is attached to a house or on a post at the end of a driveway.

Criminals are known to steal mail that is delivered or outgoing mail meant to be picked up by the mail carrier. In some cases, criminals have stolen outgoing mail and opened it with the intent to steal financial information/records or personal information on enclosed documents such as mortgage information, credit card information, license plate renewals, or anything else of financial benefit or for identity theft. In some cases, criminals will open the mail to steal information, then reseal the envelope and place it back in the mailbox to await carrier pickup.

Mail Delivery Considerations:

- Consider a change of habit and drop any outgoing mail into a blue, free standing, USPS mail box.
- Remain diligent and retrieve delivered mail to a home mailbox as soon as possible.
- Have friends or neighbors retrieve your mail if you are away from home for a period of time.
- Complete a USPS mail hold card and stop mail delivery if you are away for multiple days or an extended time.



Home Considerations:

- Do not leave your mail on a counter or desk in plain sight of a window or door that would entice a criminal to break into your home and steal mail.
- Consider closing curtains and angling blinds to mitigate against criminals seeing into your home.
- Do not brag, publish on social media, or advertise that you received payment(s).

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ATM/Deposit Considerations:

- Deposit any financial documents in your bank or credit union as soon as possible.
- If using ATM machines:
 - Try to utilize during daytime hours.
 - Use the outer most ATM machine so you are not pinned in the driveway of the drive through lanes.
 - Keep your window rolled up unless executing the transaction.
 - Watch your mirrors for someone approaching from behind.
 - Consider keeping the vehicle in drive, with your foot on the brake, in case you need to quickly drive away from a threat.

