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PREVENTING MAILBOX THEFT

The theft of mail from residential mailboxes is a problem. Con artists use this as a means to obtain your identity information and to steal checks and other items of value. This problem can be reduced or minimized by following these tips:

- Do not leave outgoing or incoming mail in your unlocked or locked mailbox.
- Never leave your mail overnight especially on the weekend.
- Deposit mail in a blue collection box outside or

your local post office or inside a secure collection box at post office or a grocery store. Don't leave mail in a collection box that is full.

- Make sure your home mailbox is in good condition. Mail that is exposed can be damaged by bad weather and is visible to thieves.
- Promptly pick up your incoming mail after it is delivered. If on vacation, fill out USPS form.
- Be observant of activities on your street, including those near your letter carrier, the postal vehicle, residential mailboxes, and collection boxes.
- If you see suspicious persons or activity, call 877-876-2455 US Postal Inspector to report thefts or 911 while the suspects are still present. Try to remember details of suspects.

CRIME STATISTICS

www.crimereports.com

This website allows you to look up crimes which have occurred in a neighborhood.

ELK GROVE POLICE DEPARTMENT

www.elkgrovepd.org

Website for "Crime Prevention Tips" and "Online Reporting".

SMOKE DETECTOR

Not only should you change batteries during the time change, but every 10 years replace your smoke detector. Also, carbon monoxide detectors are now required in your homes.

CRIME PREVENTION TIPS

DO NOT BECOME COMPLACENT

- Always be aware of your surroundings—even at home, or on your cell phone and shopping! Watch for suspicious acting people.
- Identify theft continues to be a threat. Shred any or remove personal information before discarding any envelopes delivery box, etc.
- Home Invasions continue. Use dead bolt locks and keep doors and windows locked, including the inside garage door. Be vigilant when you are in your garage or on the street.
- Watch for anyone following you home while you are walking, biking or driving home from shopping or banking.
- Car theft and vandalism is the #1 crime in our area. Always secure your vehicle doors, windows, hood and trunk and use your car alarm when possible.

- Put all packages and valuables out of sight including telephones and garage door opener, bags, purses and wallets.
- Use caution when wearing extravagant jewelry.
- Lock both your car and inside garage door. Keep garage door closed.
- If you must park outside your garage, an alarm helps to scare thieves.
- Pay attention to all alarms.
- Keep your purse close to your body or use your pockets.
- Never attach a tag with your name and address to a key ring.
- Teach your children not to open any door to strangers.

**HAPPY
VALENTINES DAY!**



IMPORTANT NUMBERS

**In Progress or Life
Threatening
Emergencies - 9-1-1**

**From your cell phone -
714-5111**

**24 Hr. Non-emergency
Dispatch - 714-5115**

Traffic Issues	627-3714
POP Officers	478-8110
Service Center	478-8100
Graffiti Hotline	478-8231
Parking Enforcement	478-8160

PLEASE DO NOT SPEED

Keep our children and young adults safe!

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