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Renton Police Offer Mail Safety Tips

RENTON, WA -- There has been an increase in mail thefts throughout King County. Thieves are looking for mail that contains items they can turn around quickly such as gift cards and/or cash. If they find checks, they're washing them, making them out to themselves, and changing the amounts.

While thefts happen at all hours of the day, most occur between noon and 2 p.m. or midnight and 2 a.m. Typically, traditional mail boxes are targeted but thieves are also known to pry open locked boxes.

Renton Police offer the following tips to help prevent mail theft:

- Don't send cash in the mail.
- Deposit mail in a mail slot in the post office, at a postal service mailbox, or hand it to your letter carrier. Don't leave outgoing mail unattended in your mailbox for pick up.
- Pick up mail promptly. Don't leave it in your mailbox overnight. If you are expecting checks, credit cards or other valuable items, ask a friend or neighbor to pick up your mail.
- If you change your address, tell the post office and anyone else you do business with by mail.
- If you are going out of town, tell the post office and they can hold your mail until you return.
- Keep your mailbox in good repair and make sure it's properly installed.
- Consider getting a locking mailbox. Ask your local postmaster for the most up-to-date regulations on mailboxes.
- Correspondence and bills, previously delivered via the U.S. Postal Service, can now be sent electronically. Check to see if that is an option.
- Sign up with usps.com for Informed Delivery, a free service that gives you a digital preview of the mail expected in your delivery every day.

About the City of Renton

The City of Renton, Washington, with a population of 102,700 (2017), is located on the southeast shore of Lake Washington, just south of Seattle. Renton's strong economic base, diverse marketplace and favorable business climate have attracted the attention of nationally recognized companies that are providing employees and their families an outstanding quality of life. Renton is the home of Boeing, PACCAR, IKEA, the Seattle Seahawks, and the eternal resting place of Jimi Hendrix. More information can be found on our [website](#), or [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Nextdoor](#) pages.

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