



Neighborhood Watch Newsletter



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How to keep your mail safe

Many of us will have a higher number of packages and mail delivered due to the pandemic. The San Gabriel Police Department wants to remind our residents, businesses and others to remain vigilant with your package and mail deliveries.

Follow these tips from the San Gabriel Police Department:

- When sending mail, use the letter slots inside your Post Office or hand it directly to a letter carrier.
- Pick up your mail promptly after delivery—never leave it in your mailbox overnight. If you're expecting checks, credit cards, or other negotiable items, ask a trusted friend or neighbor to pick up your mail.
- If you don't receive a check or other valuable mail you're expecting, contact the issuing agency immediately.
- If you change your address, immediately notify your Post Office and anyone with whom you do business via the mail.
- Never send cash in the mail.
- Tell your Post Office when you'll be out of town, so they can hold your mail until you return.
- Request a Signature Confirmation when mailing something important to an intended recipient.
- Consider starting a Neighborhood Watch Program. By exchanging work and vacation schedules with trusted friends and neighbors, you can watch each other's mailboxes (and homes).
- Consult with your local Postmaster for the most up-to-date regulations on mailboxes, including the availability of locked centralized or curbside mailboxes.

If you see a mail thief at work, or if you believe your mail was stolen, contact the San Gabriel Police Department at (626) 308-2828. You can also file a report online with the United States Postal Inspection Service at <https://www.uspis.gov/report/>

Don't get caught by the car park scam

San Gabriel Police Department would like to warn motorists not to respond to notes left on their windcreens that claim that their car has been involved in an accident.

The note goes on to give a name and a phone number for the driver to call. Those who do call are then asked for personal information that police believe may be used for criminal purposes.

In a variant of this scam, the telephone number is a premium rate number set up by the fraudsters. Calling it will run up a huge phone bill as the criminals will do everything they can to keep you on the line for as long as possible.

Alternatively, you may have been targeted by a different breed of con-artist - someone who has damaged their own car and is trying to pin the blame on you. If the note you receive accuses you of causing damage to another car in the car park, don't be tempted to check your own car for scratch marks - they may have waited for you to start inspecting your car to snap pictures, which could be used as 'evidence' that you were aware you'd hit another vehicle.

How to avoid becoming a target:

If you return to your car and find a note on the windscreen, get in your car and immediately drive away from the area. Once safely at home, you should report the matter to the police, retaining the note for them to use as evidence. Never call the telephone number that you have been given.



Virtual 411 With The Chief

Join us virtually for 411 With The Chief of Police. It's an opportunity for the community to ask questions, voice concerns, and get to know Police Chief Eugene Harris.

Please email your questions in advance to the Chief of Police at info@sgpd.com. Additionally, do not forget to include "Question for the Chief" on the subject line of your email. Note that words or statements that would interrupt or offend others, including, but not limited to profanity, obscenities, and or discriminatory language, will not be acknowledged. During this pre-recorded event, the Chief will read and answer your questions. This meeting will be pre-recorded and viewed on the City of San Gabriel's YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/CityofSanGabriel>

Thank you in advance for your participation and we look forward to hearing from you.

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