

HOME SECURITY

MAIL THEFT

Your mail includes items about your identity such as driver's licence, utility accounts, credit card transactions and bank statements.

People can steal these to assume your identity and then defraud others using your name. This can have devastating consequences for you and your reputation.

To prevent becoming a victim to mail theft, please consider the following crime prevention security tips:

- Consider adding a lock to your mailbox or purchasing a lockable style mailbox and ensure your mailbox is in good condition to keep locked mail secure.
- Make sure your mailbox is large enough for the mail to be dropped into a secure section and do not allow letters to be overflowing.
- Clear the mail daily.
- Have mail held at the post office or collected by a friend when away for extended periods.
- Dispose of unwanted mail in a way that no one else makes use of it i.e. shredding.
- If mail is not yours "not known at this address, return to sender" and return to Australia Post.

If anyone is aware of mail being stolen and used to obtain fraudulent identity, please contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or at <u>www.crimestopperssa.com.au</u>

If you have any questions please contact your nearest police station or visit www.police.sa.gov.au



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