

Communal Mail



Key Points to Consider

- Don't give unnecessary access to communal areas
- Collect your mail promptly
- If you're going away ask a trusted neighbour to collect your mail

In some areas, criminals have gained entry to blocks of flats and properties with communal areas and have then accessed letter boxes in order to commit fraud.

Theft of mail can lead to Identity theft and if your personal data is stolen your financial security can be at risk.

Ways to prevent this type of fraud:

- Never grant unauthorised access to communal areas where mail boxes are located.
- If possible collect mail from your mailbox shortly after it has been delivered but if not make sure you collect it every day.

- Do not leave mail in your mailbox for long periods of time.

- If you are going away for a long period, ask a trusted neighbour to check your mailbox.

- Where possible switch to online paperless bank statements.

- If you start receiving mail at your address which is not in your name, contact the sender directly and confirm what information is held by them.

- If you see damage to *any* mailboxes notify the resident and landlord immediately as it is likely that others may have been targeted.



Sir Robert Peel created the Metropolitan Police in 1829. He set out nine principles for policing. The First Principle was:

“To prevent crime and disorder, as an alternative to their repression by military force and severity of legal punishment.”

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