



MAIL SECURITY

The U.S. Postal Inspection Service is the law enforcement, crime prevention, and security arm of the Postal Service. We work to ensure America's confidence in the U.S. Mail by enforcing more than 200 federal statutes involving crimes that may adversely affect postal customers or fraudulently use the U.S. Mail or the postal system.

Postal Inspectors are federal law enforcement agents who conduct investigations of postal-related crime, such as mail fraud and theft, violent crimes against postal employees, revenue fraud, dangerous mail, illegal drugs in the mail, and child exploitation conducted via the mail. These are some of the laws enforced by Postal Inspectors under Title 18 of the U.S. Code:

SECTION	OFFENSE	PENALTY
1708	Theft or receipt of stolen mail generally	Violators are fined or imprisoned not more than five years, or both
1341	Mail fraud – frauds and swindles	Violators are fined or imprisoned not more than 20 years, or both
1703	Obstruction of mail generally	Violators are fined or imprisoned not more than one year, or both
1716	Injurious articles as nonmailable	Violators are fined or imprisoned not more than one year, or both